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	Kowloon	Yau Ma Tei	Shatin	Tai Po	Tai Po Market	Fanning	Shum Shu Po	Canton
Dep.	6.40	6.50	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50
Arr.	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10
Dep.	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.50
Arr.	12.00	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.50	1.00	1.10
Dep.	1.40	1.50	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.30	2.40	2.50
Arr.	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.30	3.40	3.50	4.00	4.10
Dep.	4.40	4.50	5.00	5.10	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.50
Arr.	6.00	6.10	6.20	6.30	6.40	6.50	7.00	7.10

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Arr.	12.00	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.50	1.00
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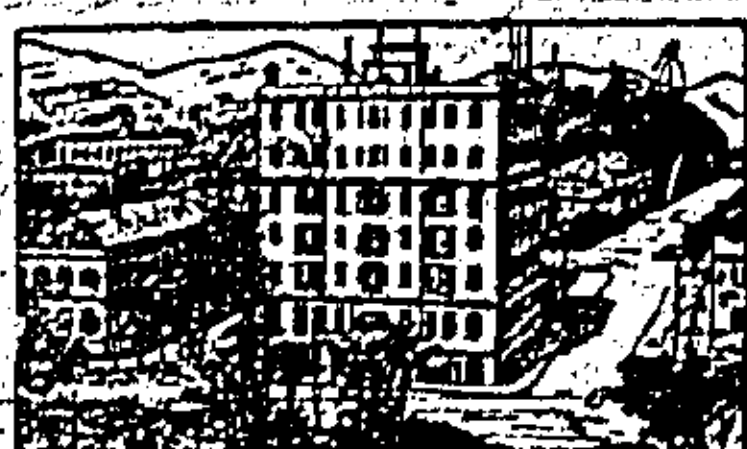
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The super-scraper is to rise twelve stories from the street level without a set-back. From the thirteenth to the roof of the eighteenth storey there will be a series of three set-backs, whence will start the seven-phase tower. Sixty high-speed lifts will serve its tenants. Two of them will be express ascending directly to the eighty-second floor, whence passengers will be conveyed by four shuttle lifts to the 110th storey.

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The three top floors of the tower will be given over entirely to light-seeing purposes.

Excavations for the foundations will be in rock 45 ft. below the street level. The building is to rest on heavy grills embedded in an 18 ft. slab of reinforced concrete anchored to the solid rock.

FAILURE OF INDIAN N.E. MONSOON.

EFFECT ON CROPS.

ANXIETY AMONG MADRAS RYOTS.

The failure of the North-east Monsoon has affected the crops in most parts of the Madras Presidency and is causing grave anxiety to the ryots. When the monsoon is favourable there is rain from the second week of October till about the third week of December. This time the monsoon broke in time and there was widespread rain till November 10th. But from the second week of November the weather has been dry throughout the Presidency save for a few showers in the south. One more depression appeared south of the Bay on November 21st, but it moved in a northerly direction, developing into a storm of great intensity, and passed through the centre of the Bay of Burma instead of turning to Madras.

Coromandel Coast Affected.

The water collected at the beginning of the monsoon in places where there are irrigation wells and tanks served for some time, but has been insufficient for agricultural purposes for the whole season. The deltas of the Godavari and the Krishna continue to receive enough water, but the uplands urgently need rain. The prospects are 'fair' in Chingleput, Tanjore, South Kanara and the Nilgiris, but dry crops and paddy are withering in part in eighteen other districts. All these places however, do not suffer equally. It is the Coromandel coast and adjoining districts that are affected most by the failure of the North-East Monsoon. Other districts depend for cultivation, mainly on the South-West Monsoon, which was on the whole satisfactory in the year, and crops raised there in the later season are not so large as on the Coromandel coast and neighbouring areas. There are sufficient grain stocks in all districts at present.

Mr. R. D. Antstead, Director of Agriculture, is of opinion that although sowings have been delayed and crops are suffering, it is too early to despair of the crops as the season is not over yet and the crops will be saved to a great extent if there is rain during the remainder of the season.—Times of India.

PRINCE AMONG THE FARMERS.

EULOGY OF OPEN AIR SPORT.

PLUCKY HUNTING FIELD INCIDENT.

"Did I get over that fence all right?" asked the Prince of Wales, with a twinkle, as he sat down after speaking at the annual county dinner of the Northampton Branch of the National Farmers' Union at Northampton. "It was a clean jump," was the apt reply of Mr. J. H. Smeeton, a well-known pig-breeder, who presided. There were nearly 300 farmers present, many of them jolly old men, with mutton chop whiskers and Gladstonian features, and the function developed into a real, rollicking evening. There was a plain bill of fare—the roast beef of Old England, Christmas pudding, and foaming ale—and the tables were decorated with baskets of wheat, dandelions and poppies.

WIVES LOOK ON.

The Prince joined heartily in the chorus of "The Farmer's Boy," while a little later the rafters rang with the refrain of "Dye ken John Peel!" From a balcony at the end of the room the farmers' wives and daughters looked down upon the merry scene.

The Prince, who had taken part in a capital day's sport with the Cottessmore hounds, said one could not have a better end to a really good day's hunting than to come to such a friendly gathering as that.

Everybody Happy.

"To me," he continued, "one of the best things about open-air sport, whether it be hunting or games, is that it makes everybody pleased to see everybody else and it makes people look to their neighbours. I think if this spirit was kept going, more than anything else, it would make the world a pleasanter place than it is now."

Saying he wished to talk of farming rather than hunting, the Prince observed:

"Broadly speaking, it helps every farmer to realise that by making his own farm, whether it be large or small, a really first class show, he is not only doing himself good but he is doing a good turn to his brother farmers of the whole of this country."

THE PRINCE STOPS RUNAWAY.

Tip To Labourer Who Helped.

The Prince of Wales, with Capt. Alfred Lowenstein, the millionaire financier, figured in an exciting incident on the hunting field during his run the same day with the Cottessmore.

While crossing, the Whissendine country Capt. Lowenstein fell at a ditch. His horse bolted, and the Prince and about half-a-dozen other followers, including Mrs. Keld Fenwick (formerly Miss Peggy Marsh, the actress) set off in pursuit.

Speedily the Prince succeeded in checking the frightened horse. He cornered it by a gate at the end of the field and a farm labourer helped him to bring the horse to a standstill.

The labourer was warmly thanked by the Prince, and received a handsome tip from him for his assistance. The labourer then delivered the horse to Capt. Lowenstein, who, apart from a few bruises, was none the worse for his "spill." He remounted and continued the run.

The Prince's prompt action brought him many congratulations from his hunting friends.

Monday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
United Services Recreation Club annual lawn tennis tournament opens.

Yachting: Ladies' 7th and last Championship race.

Carpi's Italian Opera Company, Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

To Secretaries.

[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the Daily Press for inclusion in the above columns; which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

St. Paul's Girls' College Bazaar, 1st floor, China Building, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Committee meeting to arrange programme for H.V.D.C. annual rifle meeting, at Volunteer Headquarters, 4.45 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Big Parade."
World Theatre: "Silk Bouquet."
Star Theatre: "The White Desert."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe and Siberia (Angers). Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Angers), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

St. Paul's Girls' College Bazaar, 1st floor China Building, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Fanning Hunt Meet Hunters' Arms, 2.30 p.m.
Football: Interport practice match, H.K.F.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club 1st XI v. Navy, U.S.R.C. ground, 4.45 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Tennis: Helens May Institute, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Big Parade."
World Theatre: "Silk Bouquet."
Star Theatre: "The White Desert."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (Aki Maru), 9.30 a.m.

Thursday.

Extraordinary general meeting China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, St. George's Building, 2.30 p.m.
Golf: Navy v. Army, Fanning, Kailop Chinese School annual presentation of prizes at Grand Theatre, Wanchai, 4 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Entries close for United Services Recreation Club annual tennis tournament, 5 p.m.
H.K. Society Prevention Cruelty to Animals annual meeting, Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.
Musical Helens May Institute, 9.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Lady Windermere's Fan."
World Theatre: "Manhattan."
Star Theatre: "From the Ground Up."
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (President Pierce); Australia, etc. (Mishima Maru).

Friday.

Golf: Ladies' Championship and Captain's Cup, Fanning.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club 1st XI v. 5/2 Punjabis, Marina ground, 4.45 p.m.
H.K. Automobile Association dinner dance, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.
Carpi's Italian Opera Company, open at Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Lady Windermere's Fan."
World Theatre: "Manhattan."
Star Theatre: "From the Ground Up."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Suez (Kashgar).

Saturday.

Fanning Hunt meet Hunters' Arms, 3 p.m.
Yachting: Racing Classes compete for Commodore's Cups.
Cricket and Football: (Details in Saturday's issue).
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Diocesan School Old Boys' Association Social and Dance, Diocesan School, Kowloon, 8.30 p.m.
Boheler's Dance, Craigengower Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.
Carpi's Italian Opera Company, Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Lady Windermere's Fan."
World Theatre: "Manhattan."
Star Theatre: "From the Ground Up."
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (Tenyo Maru). Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kashmir), 10.30 a.m.; Canada and America, etc., Europe via Victoria and via Siberia (President Madison), 5 p.m.

Sunday.

Fanning Hunt meet Comdr. and Mrs. Hartford's bungalow, 10.30 a.m.
Golf: Junior Championship (first round), Fanning.
Yachting: Cruisers compete for Commodore's Cups.
Tennis: Mixed doubles, K.C.C. Club, 3 p.m.
Carpi's Italian Opera Company, Star Theatre, Kowloon, 5 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
(Continued on previous column.)

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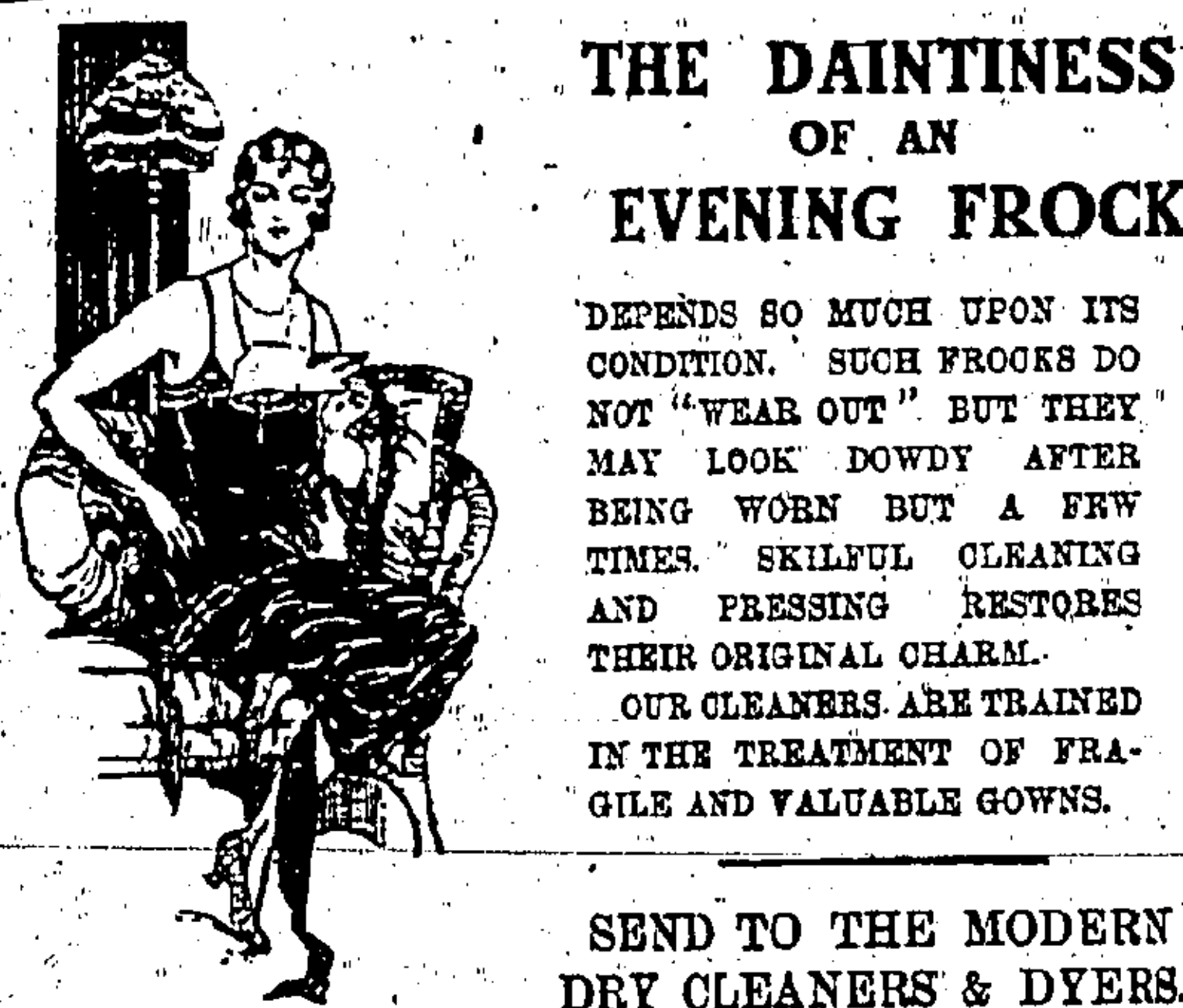
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It is called "The Song of the
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stage in a dancing hall in the Via
Amedeo, Naples, at this season of
the year.

The room is hot and stuffy, almost
beyond bearing. The performance
is three hours long and cuts out all
hope of dinner. But we are seeing
something out of the common run.

The first scene is "The Revolu-
tion in Hell." The stage is peopled
with devils in scarlet, horned and
chained, heavily bearded and equip-
ped with formidable teeth. The
programme, indeed, is a veritable
treatise on demonology. Not a
word of the dialogue is intelligible,
for it is in the Neapolitan dialect,
which now includes snippets from
most languages, even Arabic.

The rebellion boils up to fever-
heat—then the backcloth parts to
disclose a young lady of pre-
possessing appearance in a flaxen
wig, the Angel Gabriel, come to
announce the approaching birth
of the Holy Child. The hands
assume the traditional attitude of
"Satan falling from Heaven,"
according to the Neapolitan
stage; that is, they stand on their
beats with their feet, crossed, in
mid air.

The rest of the play has little
plot; it is mainly concerned with
comic relief, supplied by a gentle-
man in Court dress with a dead-

white face, another in pyjamas with
a towel cap, and a third resembling
Greek.

Incredible as it may seem, these
geniuses do have scenes with the
Madonna and St. Joseph, most not-
ably the last scene, where they
rescue the Holy Family in a card-
board boat from the Old Gentleman,
who is in pursuit of them.

We have an exhibition of
macaroni-eating in another scene,
where the Devil becomes an inn-
keeper, and music strange and bar-
baric on clappers and bells from
Greece and the man in Court dress.

There is no song in the perfor-
mance, and the Shepherds, an old
one and a young one, have only this
much to do with the show—they
appear a couple of times and sup-
ply the title.

The final scene is a tableau of
saints, funny-men, and angels,
grouped at the back of the stage,
while the host of Satan grins their
teeth in the foreground, standing on
their heads.

Strange as is the play, equally
strange are the conventions that are
part of it. A good speech is in-
variably "enacted," so even is a
good scene. There is no time limit
in the Via Amedeo! Every player
who wins applause comes down to
the footlights and makes his bow,
while, if he has already made his
exit, the stage waits for him to come
back and take a call!

NAVAL MEN'S EYESIGHT.

SUPPLY OF GLASSES TO
CERTAIN RATINGS.

STANDARDS OF VISION
REQUIRED.

In a Fleet Order just issued
are set out the standards of vision
required for men and boys on entry
in the Royal Navy and Royal
Marines. The Order also states
that normal colour vision will be
required for all ratings with the
exception of the following:—As-
sistant cooks, officers' stewards and
cooks, boy servants, R.M. band
ranks.

All men in the R.N. and R.M.
will be required to be capable of
performing their duties without the
aid of glasses, with the exception
of the following, who may be per-
mitted to wear glasses to enable
them to carry out their duties:—
W/T ratings, writers (including
boy writers), supply branch ratings,
sick berth ratings, officers' stewards
and cooks, boy servants, Royal
Marine band ranks, Royal Marine
Police.

The visual standards for each
rating on re-engagement are stated
in the order, which also states:—
All men re-engaging in the Royal
Navy and Royal Marines will be
required to be capable of carrying
out their duties without the aid of
glasses, with the exception of the
following, who will be allowed to
wear glasses to carry out their
duties:—Writers, supply branch
ratings, sick berth ratings, officers'
stewards and cooks, R.M. band-
men, W/T ratings, stokers employ-
ed as engineer writers, artisan
ratings. The fact that a man has
been examined and found medical-
ly fit for active service is to be
noted on the re-engagement form,
the notation being signed by the
medical officer.

Other paragraphs in the order
relate to re-entry and re-enlistment.
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Glasses will be supplied at the
public expense to any rating in the
classes permitted to wear them,
whose eyesight becomes defective
after entry in the service, provided
he is not considered a fit subject for
invaliding. When the defective
vision is not attributable to or
aggravated by the service a recom-
mendation from the commanding
officer that the retention of the
man's services is desirable will be
necessary before the provision of
glasses at the public expense is
approved.

Only steel-rimmed spectacles can
be supplied at the cost of public
funds, or their equivalent value
allowed; and supply should always
be arranged through the man's de-
pot unless unreasonable delay
would result through this proce-
dure, when supply may be arranged
by local purchase. The expendi-
ture involved must only be incurred
with duly qualified opticians, and
the commanding officer must satisfy
himself that the price is fair and
reasonable, having due regard to
the prices obtaining in the district
where purchase is made.

The cost of replacement or repair
of glasses lost or damaged through
misconduct or negligence will be
charged against the pay of the
rating concerned.

Refusal on the part of a man to
wear glasses, where it has been
certified that they are necessary to
prevent invaliding, will be regard-
ed as unreasonable, and, if persist-
ed in so as to necessitate invalid-
ing, may result in any award due
on discharge being withheld, or
granted at a reduced rate, at the
discretion of the Admiralty.
Naval and Military Record.

SOL THE HEALER.

GREAT AUTHORITIES
OPINION.

BACK TO THE GREEKS!

In the course of a recent lecture
on "Sunlight and Health," Dr.
C. W. Saleeby said that the begin-
ning of the sunlight treatment of
disease was with the immortal
Greek Hippocrates, who was called
"the father of medicine." He
practised 400 years before Christ,
and his treatment was to see that
his patients got light and sun,
water and food, making them take
their clothes off and doing their
exercises in the Temple grounds;
letting the sun get to their bodies,
and making them well. Those be-
ginnings of science were, however,
lost or mislaid, and 2,000 years after
Hippocrates there arose the idea
that by means of a Sovereign's
touch persons could be cured of the
disease called the King's evil. That
pitiful system was, said Dr. Saleeby,
widely believed.

Thirty-six years ago, Dr. Palm
made the discovery that in the pre-
sence of sunlight and artificial sun-
light and in the use of foods which
had had sunlight playing upon them,
rickets could be conquered with
extraordinary celerity, safety, and
certainty. It was a typical disease
of darkness. There were still, how-
ever, rickety children all over the
country. There should not be an-
other case of rickets where medical
science was known, or where sun-
light or artificial sunlight could be
devised.

Florence Nightingale's Lead.

"When you build a hospital you
ought to see that sunlight reaches
the patients," said Dr. Saleeby,
"and in future years we are going
to see sunlight is available." Flor-
ence Nightingale was the pioneer
of how to build hospitals to give
the patients sunlight. She knew
there was a sun in the sky, but her
idea of giving patients sunlight was
not at that time supported by any
doctor or architect.

Versatile Sunlight.

Sunlight, said Dr. Saleeby, was
very versatile. It was a germ-killer,
and it killed the germ of tuber-
culosis, a disease which killed 600
people in this country every week.
Then possibly they might use the
power of sunlight to kill germs in
the treatment of diseases. Tuber-
cular germs died in the presence
of sunlight in about seven minutes;
they would live in the dark for two
years.

Dr. Saleeby dealt with ultra-violet
rays discovered by Finson, and said
those rays had been used with good
effect in the Zoo, and said the
lecturer, "If we do this for this
chimpanzees, hasn't the time come
to do it for children? It was not
the sun's heat, but the sun's light
that was so valuable. The kind of
light that was best was the cool
light such as they got, for instance,
in the Alps, and in England on
many a day in the spring and
summer in the early morning. "To
us in London early morning is only
a rumour," said Dr. Saleeby amid
laughter. "It is the best time of
the day and we ought to use it
more." More laughter was created
by Dr. Saleeby when, referring to
a proposal he made in America, he
said that a suggestion put forward
in America one day was carried out
the next day, but in this country
a man thought over an idea until
his death and bequeathed it to his
children for them to think over.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 17th, 1927.	
B. K. Bank	\$1,110 buy.
Do.	London \$1,117 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$21 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$21 nom.
Do.	\$213 nom.
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East Asia Bank	\$24 nom.
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North China Ins.	\$1.15 nom.
Union Insurance	\$254 buy, 233
Do.	\$250 nom.
Yangtze Insurance	\$250 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$250 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$250 buy.
Donghai	\$250 buy.
Shanghai	\$250 buy.
Hong Kong Tugs	\$1.10 nom.
Indo-China (Frat.)	\$250 buy.
Do.	\$250 buy.
Shanghai Tugs	\$250 buy.
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Malacca Sugars	\$250 nom.
Bonguete	\$250 nom.
Kailash Mining A.	\$250 nom.
Langkai (combined)	\$250 nom.
Do. (Langkai)	\$250 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$250 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$250 nom.
Do.	\$250 nom.
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Hongkong	\$250 nom.
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Hong Kong Lands	\$250 buy, & sa.
Hong Kong Realty	\$250 nom.
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Kwo Cotton	\$250 sel.
Oriental	\$250 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$250 nom.
Do. (new)	\$250 nom.
China Buses	\$250 buy.
H.K. Tramways	\$250 buy.
Peak Tram (old)	\$250 buy.
Do. (new)	\$250 nom.
Singapore Tractors	\$250 sel.
Amusement	\$250 sel.
Amusement	\$250 sel.
Canton Loss	\$250 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$250 sel.
Do. (old)	\$250 nom.
Do. (new)	\$250 uny.
China Lights (comb.)	\$250 sel.
Do. (old)	\$250 sel.
Do. (new)	\$250 sel.
China Refrigerator	\$250 sel.
Constructions	\$250 buy.
Dairy Farms	\$250 nom.
Der A. Wings	\$250 nom.
Hong Kong Electric	\$250 buy.
Macao Electric	\$250 nom.
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$250 sel.
Do. (new)	\$250 sel.
Maca Orefactors	\$250 nom.
Shanghai	\$250 nom.
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Wai. Powells	\$250 nom.
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SEEING YOUR SPEECH.

FILM TERROR FOR
REVELLERS.

WHAT THE JAW REVEALS.

A new terror recording the in-
discretions of the "night before"
may be added to the police tests
for drunkenness if the discovery of
Mr. J. W. Jeffreson, of Univer-
sity College, London, that speech
can be written accurately by the
movements of the jaw, becomes
officially recognised.

Mr. Jeffreson has invented an
instrument that gives an identical
graphic curve for sound and jaw
movement. These curves are re-
corded on a photographic film, and
the result gives a graph from which
the actual spoken word can be
read.

At some future date the man who
is accused of having been "incoher-
ent in his speech" may find the
record produced as evidence against
him.

Mr. Jeffreson told a press repre-
sentative:—
"This new method of reading
speech is based upon my dis-
covery that the stressing of any
particular vowel involves in-
creased vigour of jaw movement.
By fixing a "pin" light to the
teeth of the lower jaw and ex-
posing a film in a darkened room
at a fixed time rate the same
graph was recorded as was given
by the voice vibrations. We
visibly write our words every
time we speak. It is this fact
that enables a deaf mute to un-
derstand speech he cannot hear,
but if the face is masked and
only the lips are left visible he
cannot understand a word.

"If this test were applied to a
drunken man it would be defini-
tely established whether his speech
was affected. The dips in the
graph, representing the vowels,
would be irregular and the
consonants, represented by the
crests, would be blurred. The
magistrate would not have to rely
upon the policeman's word, for
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YACHTING.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

THE POINTS TO DATE.

The first half of the yachting season programme is nearly concluded, and with it the championship races, of which there are nine.

The championship races will be concluded, so far as the racing yachts and cruisers are concerned, in the second half of the season.

So far the racing yachts have completed eight championship events and the cruisers have sailed four. The Ladies' Section will complete their championship events this month. They have now sailed five championship events, and sail another, which should have been their last, next Monday afternoon. The first championship race, which was postponed on November 15th, owing to bad weather, has yet to be sailed, however, and this event will probably be decided on Monday, January 31st, which is reserved for a re-sail or other race.

Next week-end both the racing yachts and the cruisers will be competing for the Commodore's Cup. We give below the points to date in the various championships:—

Racing Yachts.

HANDICAP CLASS:—Rolla, 49; Dorothea, 41; Colleen, 40; Diana, 36; La Linda, 22; Falcon, 16; Argulla, 13.

C AND I. COMBINED CLASS:—Daphne, 68; Lila, 58; Halcyon, 57; Thecla, 49; Gael and Pierrette, tie with 45; Joan, 44.

Y CLASS:—Blanche, 69; Boojum, 65; Fly Wonder, 60; Lola, tie with 60; Adele, 55; and Sealark, tie with 33; Adanac, 29.

Cruisers.

C and I, 27; Coquette, 26; Feathers, 25; La Cigale, 24; Norseman, 19; Brenda, 12; Queen Bee, 4.

Ladies' Section.

HANDICAP CLASS:—Colleen, 32; Diana, 28; La Linda, 27; Falcon, 16; Dorothea, 16; Argulla, 13.

C AND I. COMBINED CLASS:—Boojum, 65; Lila, 58; Thecla, 49; Gael, 45; Pierrette, 45; Fly Wonder, 60; Sealark, 35; Halcyon, 14; Lola, 12.

Sunday's Cruiser Race.

As regards the cruisers 4th championship race on Sunday to Waglan (port), distance 21 miles, on B handicaps, it was reported yesterday that owing to the handicaps having been altered it was not possible to give the corrected time. The corrected times are now to hand, however, and the following are the corrected results:—

Finishing Corrected Time.

La Cigale (5th)... 2:37.34
C and I (3rd)... 2:37.04
Feathers (1st)... 2:34.43
Coquette (4th)... 2:37.14
Norseman (2nd)... 2:30.38
Brenda and Iris did not finish.
Queen Bee did not start.

30 MILE TRAMP.

ROUND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ACCOMPLISH HALF THE JOURNEY.

At midnight on Saturday a party of local walking enthusiasts set out from the Star Ferry pier, Kowloon, to walk round the New Territories, a distance of 60 miles. The party consisted of Divisional Inspector Peter Grant, Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt, Sanitary Inspector Alec Taylor, Sergt. E. Bickin, the honorary director, P.W.D.

Accompanied by a coolie carrying the necessary provisions, the party set out by way of Castle Peak, a good, steady pace being maintained until they reached Lokmachau, shortly after noon on Sunday. It was then decided on account of blistered feet not to continue the walk. The party, returned by motor-bus, after having completed just over thirty miles.

HAWKING NOT PROFITABLE

NO MONEY TO TAKE NEW LICENCE.

When a hawker was charged yesterday morning before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy, with hawking without a licence, his Worship said to defendant: "you have got a licence—there is no earthly reason why you should not have renewed it."

Defendant said that business had been very bad and that he could not find that money to take out a new licence.

Sergeant Nolleth: That is true your Worship. Business had been very bad, and hawking has not been profitable during the past year. A good number of people—old hawkers—have been to the Hawkers' Office with petitions. The Magistrate (to defendant): Fined \$2. You have got to renew your licence, or else you cannot hawk.

MOTOR-VAN AND CYCLE COLLIDE.

RIDER THROWN INTO GUTTER.

DEFENDANT'S WITNESSES NO VALUE.

The sequel of a "shake-up" which befell Mr. B. S. Rogers as a result of a collision between his motor-cycle and a motor van on January 3rd, was heard at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth.

Mr. Rogers said that he was riding on his motor-cycle at about 3 p.m. on January 3rd towards Hungghom, and when he arrived near the China Bus Company's depot in Chatham Road, he noticed a motor-van on the wrong side of the road. He was only about ten yards away from the van when it swerved suddenly and without giving any warning. Towards the right side of the road ostensibly to enter the depot. Witness said he blew his horn three times, but the driver of the van took no notice. Seeing a collision was inevitable, he turned to the right applying his brakes at the same time. Witness added that his machine ran right into the front wheel of the van and he was thrown into the gutter and his motor-cycle fell on top of him.

In answer to the Court, Mr. Rogers said he was going about 18 miles an hour, and that he had no speedometer on his machine, but he could judge the speed fairly accurately, as he has driven a cycle for nearly nine years.

Corroborative evidence was given by another European, who said that he was riding a motor-cycle just thirty yards behind the first witness, and that he went to assist Mr. Rogers.

Defendant denied the charge and said that he could call two witnesses to support his statement. He declared that Mr. Rogers did not sound his horn and that the motor-cycle was travelling at anything over thirty miles an hour.

When leave was granted to the defendant to call his witnesses, they were found to have been in Court throughout the whole proceedings. His Worship therefore told the defendant that he did not think that the testimony of the two witnesses would be of much value, as they had heard all that the defendant said and also the evidence of the other European.

His Worship found the defendant guilty and imposed a fine of \$10.

ANIMALS' WAR MEMORIAL.

WANSTEAD SCHEME TO INCLUDE A HOSPITAL.

PUBLIC ASKED FOR £50,000.

A memorial to the animals that lost their lives in the Great War will be the principal feature of the new Animals' Spa which is to be built at Wanstead.

The main wing of the large hospital for animals, which will be included in the scheme, is to be dedicated to the remembrance of the many animals and birds—horses, mules, dogs, cats, pigeons, and canaries—that were killed in the Great War. The wing will be devoted to the needs of sick horses and mules, will accommodate 200 patients, and will be equipped with loose boxes, stalls, an operating theatre, a forge, and pharmacy.

This will be the only memorial of its kind in the world. And, moreover, building operations and alterations to existing farm buildings will commence on January 1st, 1927, final contracts being signed on behalf of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals of the Poor by Mrs. M. E. Bickin, the honorary director.

Hospital And Sanatorium.

The plans include also a hospital and sanatorium for small animals. In the courtyard, of which this hospital forms one side, will be placed the cook house, X-ray rooms, and lethal chamber. Room for nursing cases will be provided here. A waiting room for the small animals, two consulting rooms, an operating theatre, dressing rooms, and stalls for donkeys and goats are also provided. For the goats there are to be specially built rock runs.

The plans include four other wards in which are an aviary, dog kennels, monkey cages, and hutches for cats, all with open runs. These will be fitted with appropriate kinds of bath rooms and washing stations, from which purses can see all their patients.

Thirty Acres Of Meadow Land.

Thirty acres of undulating meadow land will surround the hospital buildings and in these green fields weary London traffic horses, cats and dogs picked up from grimy gutters, and birds that have existed for months in stuffy rooms behind the bars of their cages will have a haven of rest in which to recover their health.

An appeal for £50,000 for the completion and upkeep of the P.D.S.A. sanatorium is now being used. Sir Ralph Paget, K.C.M.G., has consented to be the treasurer of the fund.

BANK ROMANCE.

WHY THE CASHIERS GOT A FORTNIGHT'S HOLIDAY.

FREE AND EASY DAYS.

Bank clerks the world over owe a debt of gratitude to an assistant in a Stamford bank 56 years ago, who, by his dishonesty, established for them the principle of an annual fortnight's holiday.

This nameless hero was a paragon of industry and regularity, who never took a holiday. Then one day he fell ill.

Somebody else took over his books, and his grim secret was out. He had been embezzling, and to cover his defalcation had foregone his holidays, so that no one should find the faded entries in his ledgers.

As a result it was decreed that—Every officer of the bank should be obliged to take one holiday annually of not less than 14 consecutive days' absence from the bank.

So it is related in a monumental "History of Barclays Bank, Limited," just published, which in effect is a history of British banking from the days of the goldsmith bankers to the days of the "Big Five."

Cab Fare Tip.

Banks had some very free and easy ways in the middle of the last century. When the manager of the Lewes bank had to send \$2,000 or \$3,000 to London every Monday morning, his method was:—

To walk along the platform for the London train, and select an obliging and reliable customer of the bank who could be entrusted to take the cash up to Williams Deacon's and Co. The customer always received half a crown for his cab fare.

There is a good story of Lord Darlington's failure to break the Backhouse Bank in Darlington. The earl instructed his tenants to pay their rents in Backhouse notes, and planned to let these accumulate till he had a greater number than the banker could pay in gold on sudden demand.

But Backhouse got wind of the scheme, and posted to London for bullion to meet the notes. On his way back in a postchaise with the gold, one of the front-wheels came off. Rather than wait for a new wheel the banker piled the gold at the back of the carriage to balance the loss of the wheel.

With his cash and wagon thus balanced he drove into Darlington on three wheels, and had all the gold he needed when the earl presented his notes.

The volume, edited and compiled by Messrs. P. W. Matthews and Anthony W. Tuke, is available to the public at two guineas.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, January 16th.

Paris	122.070
Brussels	34.91
Amsterdam	12.12
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Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.44
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New York	4.85 11/32
Geneva	25.19
Milan	111.1
Stockholm	18.17
Oslo	18.92
Prague	18.4
Madrid	30.16
Rio	2.95/32
Bombay	1/6
Yokohama	2/0
Shanghai	2/6
Hong Kong	1/11 1/2
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25 5/8

FASHIONS BY WIRELESS.

SKETCHES FLASHED FROM LONDON TO NEW YORK.

New York is becoming acquainted with the latest Paris fashions a week earlier than it did formerly owing to the introduction of wireless transmission of drawings.

Enterprising New York firms are having drawings of hats, frocks, and other articles of feminine apparel in the newest Paris styles transmitted to them from London.

This is of the greatest value, as even a comparatively rough sketch can give a more accurate idea of a new silhouette or style than the longest cabled description.

In the old days, when fashion sketches were sent across the Atlantic by the fastest liner, they did not reach New York for six or seven days. Now they can be in the salons of the dressmakers within a few hours.

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"HANOI" PIRACY SUSPECT.

DEFENDANT MAY BE EXTRADITED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday morning before Mr. R. E. Lindell, when the Chinese who is charged with being implicated in the s.s. Hanoi piracy was brought before the Court, his Worship informed Chief Detective T. Murphy that he understood that there was a possibility that the defendant would be extradited to French Indo-China.

Inspector Murphy said that he had received no information to that effect.

Mr. Lindell: It may be an idea on the part of Mr. King.

Inspector Murphy said that the position as far as his Worship was concerned was that the Hanoi would arrive in the Colony on Thursday, remaining here for two days only.

His Worship: Do you want me to take evidence?

Insp. Murphy: Mr. King informed me on Saturday that none of the Crown advocates will be available on Thursday or Friday, and it is suggested that we proceed with the case in their absence. I shall have to call two of the ship's officers. The case was remanded until Thursday morning.

DOING OTHERS-OUT OF JOB.

DR. KEW'S RICKSHA COOLIE FINED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, Dr. Kew's ricksha coolie was fined \$5 for using a private vehicle for public hire.

Inspector Blackman, who appeared to prosecute, said: "He is doing public rickshamen out of a job," and added that being given very little work by his employer, the defendant did public business in his spare time in Wong Nei Chong Road, Happy Valley.

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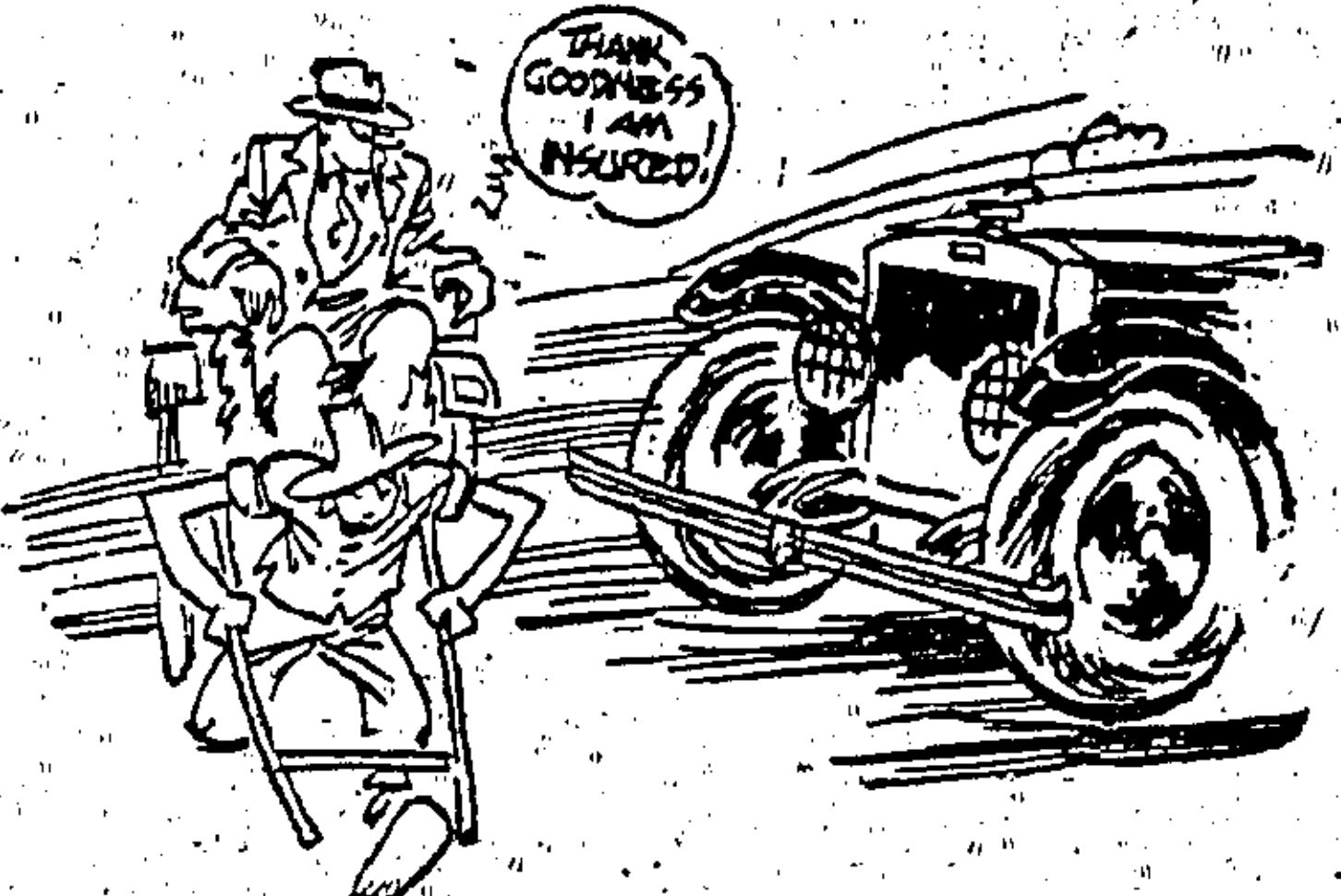
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POSITION OF AFFAIRS IN SWATOW.

CURIOUS CONTRADICTIONS.

SPLENDID SPORTING FOOTBALL MATCHES BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND BRITISH NAVY.

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON THE REV. A. H. PAGE.

500 TRAINED PROPAGANDISTS FROM CANTON TO STIR UP HATE AGAINST THE BRITISH.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Swatow, Jan. 13th.
American Baptist Mission.

A few days ago half a dozen students from the Swatow Academy or the Theological College—I am not sure which—ambushed the Rev. A. H. Page and attacked him with bamboos and an iron crowbar. He suffered a rather nasty "beating up," in the course of which the man with the crowbar gave him a hefty crack on the head. Mr. Page, however, is up and about and his assailants have decamped.

It appears that the six students concerned in this beastly and unprompted attack on a kindly old gentleman were dissatisfied with Mr. Page's veto on a certain line of expenditure in connection with the College. And so, in their usual enlightened manner, they proceeded to express their dissatisfaction in terms of bamboos and crowbars. It would seem that some kind of cowardly hooliganism has been inadvertently mixed with the theological porridge of which these young men have been partaking.

There are several interesting sidelights on this affair viz.—There are now two individuals in a Chinese hospital here with their heads bound up and swathed in bandages. The local newspapers assert that they are suffering from wounds inflicted by Mr. Page. The latter denies having inflicted wounds on anyone. The local newspapers also assert that Mrs. Page made a vigorous onslaught with a revolver on her husband's assailants—another choice lie. All this goes to show how hardly these cowardly youngsters are driven to find justification for a particularly mean and despicable assault.

Hankow And The Local Press.

Since Sunday the few remaining vernacular papers have been busy publishing false reports of the Hankow residents. Without any apparent difficulty they have worked themselves up to the astounding figures of 300 Chinese killed and several hundreds more wounded by British Marines in the defence of the Concession—dreadful fellows these Marines!

In a day or two we shall be having huge demonstrations and processions in memory of the dead that might have been and the hammer will come down with a bang on yet another coffin. It is all very deplorable and ridiculous though no great measure of blame can be laid on the local extremists responsible for these lying reports when they have for an example. An official communiqué which stated, that

"The fact that on the 3rd inst. the British naval and marine force killed and wounded several Chinese has extremely enraged the Chinese people, etc., etc."

Political.

I hear from a reliable source that one of the 500 trained propagandists are to be sent here from Canton. It is stated quite plainly and bluntly by Chinese in official circles that the object of this move is to stir up the people to make the district too hot for the British to remain. My informant also added that there is such a strong and deep undercurrent of anti-Britishism continually swishing through the ranks of the Labour Unions that Canton need not have bothered to send 500 agitators; 50 would be quite enough.

It is most unlikely, however, that any such move will be made before Chinese New Year—and certainly not until the rank and file have got their fists round the New Year cumsa.

Business.

With the approach of Chinese New Year the usual slackening-off is noticeable. This year it is accentuated by the general trade depression which has hung over Swatow and district during the last quarter. A thin rice harvest in the Hakka country, heavy taxation of all and sundry by a modern and enlightened Government "of the people by the people for the people," continuous Labour trouble, almost daily strikes, days wasted every month in absurd and futile processions: all

these have contributed to the present profoundly depressing state of affairs.

In regard to foreign trade and shipping the situation is bad and the outlook even worse.

The A.P.C. are able to market oil because the Government wants the tax of \$1 per tin but in other directions agitators and disgruntled employees are worrying the Company as much as possible. In spite of an extraordinarily magnanimous offer from the Company their tin making staff continues on strike, asking terms which make even the local Government officials cough.

Imports of British goods simply are not and shipping by British vessels, reduced as it was by the local boycott of Northern charters, is now suffering still further by reason of the elimination of the River ports due to the Yangtze débacle. The Anti-British Boycott Extension Committee, working unofficially but with the full knowledge and approval of the Kuomintang, has much to answer for. Our official diplomatic representatives (by no stretch of imagination can they be termed "official trade representatives") which is what they ought to be, have been informed of the state of affairs in Swatow but I understand their attitude is that the Canton Government having said they would remove the boycott would therefore remove it. Such an attitude appears to the ordinary merchant, who in this country is in no way a septic, to do more credit to diplomatic faith than to diplomatic common-sense.

Missionaries.

Lord Inchape will no doubt be pained to learn that a week or two ago the Council received instructions to recall all missionaries from the interior. A wise precaution considering the rapidly shortening temper of our local hosts.

Sport.

For a change I have something pleasant to record. Beginning with H.M.S. *Hollyhock* some weeks ago a series of football matches has been played between Chinese teams and the Navy. Since the departure of the *Hollyhock* H.M.S. *Fozglove* has played. Quite large crowds of Chinese spectators cross the harbour to watch these matches. The games have been keen, well-contested and as clean as any football I have ever seen and the behaviour of the spectators is above reproach; exemplary indeed to many football crowds in England. I write about this in no patronising spirit, but simply because it seems to me an excellent antidote to the poison of hatred of Britain and all things British which is constantly being urged on the youth of China. Surely these young men who can win a hard-fought game and take a jolly good licking with a smile and a hand-shake and in complete friendliness cannot hate their opponents, even though the latter are described in Bolshevik propaganda as "brutal British sailors." And surely too the crowds of Chinese spectators must learn something that makes for goodwill and understanding.

"A BLUFF CALLED."

PLAINTIFF WHO FAILED TO APPEAR.

INCIDENT IN SUMMARY COURT CLAIM.

"If I may use a poker expression in Court," said Mr. C. A. S. Russ, before the Puijane Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, "I put up a bluff, and we called it."

This remark was made when a case was called in which Chan See Dea Vaux Road West, second floor, was claiming the sum of \$415, lent by her in January, 1924, to the defendant, Li Pak, No. 105, Queen's Road West, first floor.

The plaintiff failed to appear, and Mr. Russ, who appeared for the defendant, then made the remark referred to. He also asked for the dismissal of the case.

His Lordship: You had reason to believe that she would not attend Court.
Mr. Russ: Yes, My Lord. I came into Court with the best reason to believe that she would not attend.
His Lordship: Case dismissed with costs.

RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

KWANTI STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

The following is the programme for the above meeting to be held on Saturday, February 12th:—

The Maiden Plate: 1½ Miles.

For China ponies that have started at Kwanti Steeplechases and not won. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs. Entrance fee \$5.

The Fanning Handicap: 1½ Miles.

For China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. Winner, \$50; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$10.

The Tally-Ho Foxhunters Steeple Chase: 3 Miles.

For China ponies the bona-fide property of subscribers to the Fanning Handicap. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 7 lbs. penalty, of 2 or more 10 lbs. penalty. Non-winners that have started twice 7 lbs. allowance. Entrance fee \$5. Winner a cup presented by Capt. R. G. Sturges, R.M., 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$10.

The China New Year Stakes:

For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance fee \$5. Winner, \$50; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$10.

The United Service Race: 2 Miles.

For China ponies. Open to Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and H.K.V.D.C. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one steeplechase 7 lbs. penalty, of two or more 14 lbs. penalty. Unplaced starters at Kwanti 5 lbs. allowance. Entrance fee \$5. Winner, \$50; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$10.

Entries close on the 29th inst. and should be sent to Mr. A. Potts, c/o Messrs. Benjamin & Potts.

Meets.

The meet to-morrow, Wednesday, is at the Hunters Arms at 2.30 and on Saturday, the 22nd, at the same place at 3 o'clock for hare and hounds. On Sunday there is a lawn meet at Comdr. and Mrs. Hartford's Bungalow at 10.30. Comdr. and Mrs. Hartford have moved to their new residence next to Jardine's Bungalow and their presence at Fanning will be a great acquisition to the Hunt.

ROWING.

THE "HONG FOURS" RACE.

We regret, in our report of Saturday's race for the "Hong Fours Challenge Cup," describing Mr. T. W. Southam as an ex-Leander No. 3. For the information of our readers, we would say that the Leander Club is composed only of men who have won distinction as amateur oarsmen. Among others, who are qualified, are "Varsity blues" men who have been capped in Varsity trial eights, members of the first three crews at the "head of the river" (bump races) in which some sixty crews compete from each of the Varsitys, and winners of the main events at Henley. Mr. Southam rowed No. 3 for Jesus College when that crew was head of the river for two successful years. He is, therefore, entitled to sport the famous Leander colours, but has not rowed for the Leander Club as was implied in our report.

TENNIS.

K.C.C. v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

The return tennis match between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Club de Recreio, which was fixed for Sunday, but was put off in view of the American Tennis Tournament at the K.C.C., is to be played next Sunday afternoon at the Kowloon Cricket Club. On the following Sunday, January 30th, at the Kowloon Cricket Club, the Club will play a friendly tennis match with a team from H.M.S. *Hermes*.

HOCKEY.

H.K.H.C. v. PUNJABIS.

On Friday at 4.45 p.m. sharp on the Marina ground:—
H.K.H.C.—S. H. Garrod, J. Rodger, D. Lyon, L. M. E. Lloyd, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), Major J. P. S. Greig, G. B. Shipper, H. Owen Hughes, F. G. L. Wheeler, W. Woodward, and G. P. Lammer.

THE UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LTD.

The Union Waterboat Company, Limited, advises that, subject to audit, the net balance at profit and loss account for the year ending December 31st, 1926, is \$51,292.38, which amount the members of the Consulting Committee will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend to be allocated as follows:—
Pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share \$24,833.75
Transfer to Insurance Fund 5,000.00
Transfer to Special Repairs Account 5,000.00
Carry forward to New Account 6,638.63

THE WRONG FIRM.

WRIT SERVED ON LESSOR INSTEAD OF LESSEE.

CONFUSING SIMILARITY OF NAMES.

The confusing similarity in the names of two firms having premises in the same district led to the service of writs on the lessor, whereas it should have been served on the lessee, who, by the way, has absconded.

This was pointed out in the course of the hearing of two cases which were brought before Mr. Justice Wood at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon.

In each case defendants were the same. The Kung On Tai, 211, Des Vaux Road West, ground floor, claimed \$42.78, balance due for goods sold and delivered, from The Hing Lung Tea House, 32 to 34, Jardine's Bazaar.

Lai Chun, 220, Queen's Road West, also claimed \$143.56, being balance due for goods sold and delivered, from the same firm.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, who appeared for the defendants pointed out that there were two firms. One was called the Hing Lung Cheong Kee, and the other the Hing Lung Cheung Kee. He represented the Hing Lung Cheung Kee, who had leased the premises in question on a five year's contract to the Hing Lung Cheung Kee. The lessee had absconded, but the furniture and fittings in these premises belonged to the lessors, the defendants.

Mr. Brooks said that the whole point was whether plaintiffs in each case had intended to serve the writs on his clients, who had received it, or on the lessee of the firm with the similar name, who had disappeared.

Each case was dealt with separately, and in the case in which The Kung On Tai were the plaintiffs, a witness said the man who owned him money had absconded. He (the witness) was told to call at a certain time for payment of the money due to him, but when he went, found that the man had disappeared.

This, proving that the defendants were not the firm on whom it was intended the writ should be served, his Lordship intimated that he could not give judgment for plaintiff.

The witness referred to suggested that he might be paid his \$42 from the \$700 which had been deposited by the absconding lessee with the defendants.

Mr. Brooks said that this could not be done as this man owed his clients three months' rent, \$450.

His Lordship: Leaving a balance of \$250. Could it not be paid out of that?

Mr. Brooks said that the danger was that the man might come back and want the balance. The agreement stated that if the lessee changed his mind during the running of the lease, the deposit money was forfeited.

His Lordship to witness: I am afraid we can't pay it. If the lessee comes back you come and see me again and sue him in the Court.

Witness: He will not come back.

His Lordship asked Mr. Brooks to assist the plaintiffs in the matter if the lessee should turn up again.

In the second case, Mr. Brooks said that the position was exactly the same.

After hearing evidence from plaintiff, his Lordship also dismissed this case.

SINGAPORE CHINESE

ARRESTED.

ALLEGED HAUL OF JEWELLERY.

TWO WOMEN ALSO DETAINED.

A young Chinese alleged to have disappeared after stealing a large part of the stock of a jewellery shop at Singapore, was arrested here during the week-end on telegraphic instructions from the Singapore Police.

The defendant was arrested on board a vessel which came into port from Singapore. With him were two young Chinese women, who were also taken into custody.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy instituted extradition proceedings before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday morning, stating that the accused was a fugitive from justice, his arrest being sought by the Singapore police on a charge of criminal breach of trust in respect of the theft of many thousand dollars' worth of jewellery. No instructions were received in regard to the two women accompanying the accused, and a telegram had been despatched to Singapore. The accused was understood to have waived extradition proceedings.

Mrs. Lindell formally remanded the accused for twenty-four hours.

JOIN UP.

AN OFFER TO THE KAU FUNG BANDITS.

AN EASY METHOD OF SECURING PEACE.

MORE STRIKES.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The proprietors of the tea houses in Canton have announced that they cannot afford to give their employees another increase, as wages were raised by 140 per cent. last year.

Other workers to strike during the next few days in Canton will probably be the photographers, who are asking for an increase of about 80 per cent. in wages. The proprietors consider that the jump is too high. Since the printers' strike in Canton last August more than 20 establishments have closed down, and it is estimated that over 700 printers are now idle. The lithographic printers are being urged by the Kuomintang authorities to return to work as they declared a strike before submitting their case to the Board of Arbitration as required by the new regulations governing trade disputes. It is reported that the men do not intend to obey.

In order to raise some \$48,000 required for the establishment of a "work-house" under the Police in Canton, it is suggested that all houses should be re-numbered and that each house should be charged 60 cents for the new number. It is estimated that there are some 160,000 houses which could be brought into this scheme.

Boy Scout Movement.

All the boy scout troops in Canton are being asked to join the Kuomintang Boy Scouts' Association. So far the troops connected with the Christian and Mission schools have hesitated to identify themselves with the Kuomintang, as the scout movement, according to the original intention of the founders, should be non-political.

The boy scout movement in Canton was first introduced in 1913 by Mr. Huang Han Chiao, who was a scout officer in New York 1910-1911. Mr. Huang, received independent public support until the Kuomintang some time ago saw fit to "nationalize" the movement. So far more than 25 troops of boy scouts have joined the Kuomintang Boy Scouts' Association, leaving only the oldest troops in Canton, Nos. 2, 3, 4, and a few others to follow suit. The troops outside the Kuomintang have an organization of their own.

Bandits As Comrades.

According to Kuomintang Press reports the 4th Army, under General Li Tai Hsin will be willing to co-operate with the 5,000 or 6,000 bandits around the Kau Fung Mountains and take the sons of the "Green Forest" into the Army, making their chief, Tse Hoi Shan, a division commander. It is pointed out that the bandits around Kau Fung will become a great menace to the peace and order of Kwangtung unless they are put under proper control, and it is considered much easier to admit them as comrades into the Party than to suppress them.

MR. SABURI'S VISIT TO CANTON.

SOME OF HIS IMPRESSIONS.

"SATISFIED THAT GOVERNMENT IS NOT 'RED'."

Mr. Sadao Saburi, Chief of the Treaty Division of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Tokyo, spent several days in Canton last week and was very cordially welcomed and entertained by the leading Government officials. On Tuesday he attended a Chinese dinner given by the Japanese Consul-General in his honour. Prominent Cantonese officials were invited. On Wednesday, the Provincial Government gave a banquet for him at the Government headquarters.

At the banquet on Wednesday evening, he made a short response to a speech by General Li Tai Hsin which is reported in the *Canton Gazette*. He said that in the cities he had visited, under Nationalist control, he had observed the reforms instituted by the Kuomintang Government and he was appreciative of the new conditions that were apparent wherever the Kuomintang had control. Also he remarked that he had been given satisfactory evidence of the ability of the frequent charges that the Nationalist Party and Government were "Red," and that he would report to his Government the results of his observations.

DEMONSTRATION FIASCO AT CANTON.

ELEVEN SLOGANS.
CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ATTACKED.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

An inquiry from the Senior Consul at Shamen with regard to the proposed anti-foreign demonstration in Canton on January 18th and the advice of the Canton Foreign Office to the local Police Headquarters to prevent lawlessness along the Bund appeared to have discouraged the "Prince" clique's plan to stage a demonstration of protest against the alleged "massacre of Chinese by British Marines in Hankow." No parade of any size was held that day in Canton, and the meeting at the Sun Yat Sen University was not well attended. Most of those present were students of the University who had arranged a gathering anyway, in honour of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, whom the Communist Party admire.

A draft of a resolution protesting against the "British massacre of Chinese in the British Concession at Hankow" was communicated to Japan, Hankow, and other places.

Eleven slogans were prepared for those attending the Sun Yat Sen University. They included: "Down with the gunboat policy; Beware of the White peril; Let the anti-British boycott be continued; Extend the anti-British boycott; Abolish all foreign concessions; Down with all unequal treaties; Down with imperialism; Long live the spirit of revolution; Long live the teachings of revolution; and Long live the Union of revolutionists."

The Chinese Christian Church on Wing Hon Pei Loo Street, Canton, was attacked last Sunday at noon, when the congregation was holding a service. No serious personal injury was inflicted, but the furniture was damaged when the Church hall was invaded by the mob. When everyone had left the Police inspected the damage and remained in the Church until some Christians returned to resume charge of the building.

The new police chief in Canton, on assuming charge yesterday, renewed the instruction to give Shamen all protection necessary from the Shaki side of the Concession.

Compradore Disqualified.

Mr. Ma Pak Nin, Chinese agent of the Taiwan Bank, a Japanese business at Shamen, has been disqualified as a member of the Whampoa Port Development Commission. Mr. Ma's connection with the Bank as a compradore has disqualified him from sitting on the Commission. According to his opponents, a compradore to foreign hongs is a "running dog" of the imperialists.

Blackish Coolies' Complaint.

A delegation of blackish coolies called on the Commissioner of Municipal Finance at Canton yesterday asking for a reduction of licence fees and a limitation on blackish rentals. The coolies also asked for a limit on the number and routes of motor-buses. Now-a-days a Canton blackish coolie does not make more than 60 cents daily, it is said.

GUARDING THE SHAMEN.

Another report from Canton states that the Consular authorities at Shamen have been instructed to maintain strict vigilance, and it is presumed that this is a precautionary measure to guard against any untoward happening which might arise from any demonstrations near the foreign settlement.

It is stated that the Political Department of the Kuomintang has arranged to devote a whole week, as from the 14th instant, to anti-British movements, and it is expected that the demonstrations will emphasise the so-called "massacres" of Chinese at Hankow and Kinkiang.

During the past two days, large squads of police have been stationed along the Shakes Bund as a precaution in the event of any demonstrations in that locality.

The big demonstration arranged to take place yesterday passed off without incident, it is reported on the waterfront this morning.

A message received by the local naval authorities states that Canton is quiet.

GUILD OF HOUSE MASONS' CLAIM.

QUESTION OF ILLEGAL SOCIETY RAISED.

ALLEGED SUPPORT TO STRIKERS.

EVIDENCE IN SUMMARY COURT ACTION.

The case in which the Hong Kong Kwong Yee-Kong House Masons' Guild is suing one of its members, for \$340.02 in respect of alleged arrears of percentages on contracts which is the Guild's method of raising funds, provided for in the rules, was continued before Mr. Justice Wood at the Summary Court yesterday morning.

A point raised at yesterday's hearing was whether an illegal act by a Society or Guild, such as the supporting of the strike against Hong Kong and the devoting of Guild funds to aiding members to leave Hong Kong for Canton, constitutes it an illegal society and nullifies its claims against members.

Mr. F. H. Loseby is for the plaintiffs (the present Chairman, Treasurer and four members of the Guild) and Mr. D. McCallum is for the defendant (a foreman).

It is alleged that the defendant, has performed fifteen jobs for which he has paid no commission to the Guild.

At the previous hearings, Mr. McCallum has said that, according to his instructions, most of the members of the Guild went to Canton with the funds when the strike of 1925 broke out.

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. McCallum agreed with his Lordship that he was trying to prove that the Union was an illegal and unlawful Society, and, therefore, had no rights in Court.

Defence Opened.

Mr. McCallum said he had asked Mr. Loseby to produce the books relating to the society. His Lordship would recollect that there was not a book in evidence, so far, that went farther back than 1925. If the Society had been in existence for over forty years, as was claimed, then there were books covering that period.

Mr. Loseby said he had had a notice asking him to produce all the books, but as was told that it would take a very large conveyance to bring them to Court. He understood they were to be brought, but they had not arrived. Mr. McCallum had not stated any particular book.

His Lordship remarked that Mr. McCallum was out to prove it was an illegal Society. He suggested that the best plan would be for the defence to be called and he would give leave to call evidence on the books if necessary.

Mr. McCallum replied that he had yet another difficulty. He had been hoping to get a number of people to give evidence, but the only one he had was the defendant. It was already in evidence that there were many claims of a similar kind, and he had been hoping to get those members who were in the same position as the defendant. He might have to apply for permission to issue subpoenas against them, if his Lordship could not be convinced by the evidence of the defendant himself.

His Lordship: I won't give a piece-meal decision. You must present your whole case to me.

Mr. McCallum: You will appreciate how difficult it is for me to present it fully. There are many phases of the case I could present if I were in a position to do so, but I am not in a position to do it.

His Lordship: Are you asking me to assist you in any way?

Mr. McCallum: I shall have to ask you to issue these subpoenas.

His Lordship said he understood that when the defendant had given his evidence the case would not be closed, to which Mr. McCallum agreed.

Evidence of Defendant.

The defendant was called to give evidence. He denied that he was reported any of the fifteen jobs, which are the subjects of the claim, to the Society himself. Some of the work he denied doing at all, and in others he said wrong amounts had been entered in the books. In respect to some of the jobs he had received payments on account, while he had so far received nothing for others. The sum due from him on his evidence was \$175.94, of which he had paid \$54.20, as shown in the books. There was also a debt of \$120 owing to him, and it was agreed at a meeting of members of the union that that sum should go to the Union funds when collected, and he was accordingly credited with that amount.

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ST. PAUL'S BAZAAR.

THE MOTOR CAR DIP: CAR NOT YET DRAWN.

\$13,500 RAISED SO FAR.

We have been requested by the organisers of the bazaar being held on the first floor of China Building, in aid of the St. Paul's College building fund for their new college, to publish the following information:

From the fact that the tickets from the motor-car dip at St. Paul's Bazaar were numbered, some misconception seems to have arisen. These numbers mean nothing. They were intended only for sale-checking. The car will be won not by the usual draw system but by the "lucky dip" system. It is necessary for all holders of tickets to go along to dip for the car. He who draws "No. 1" is the winner.

The car is still to be won and "dipping" will be in progress to-day.

The bazaar will continue to-day and to-morrow, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Four Out Of Ten.

On enquiry yesterday evening we learned that so far only four out of the ten principal prizes (there are 4,000 prizes altogether, and 500 valued at over \$5) had so far been drawn.

The first prize of a Fiat car, the second prize of a diamond bracelet, and the third prize of an English made gramophone, still remain to be won.

The principal prizes so far drawn are as under:—
4th prize.—Sewing machine, Tung Fat Yuen Company.
5th prize.—Mr. Chau Tung Sang.
6th prize.—Mr. Loh Ping Nam.
10th prize.—Mrs. Yue Sing Yan.

Amount Raised.

Up to last evening there had been raised approximately the gross sum of \$13,500. The bazaar has been very successful so far, but it is hoped to bring this sum up to \$20,000 by to-morrow evening, when the bazaar closes. The committee are extremely anxious that all holders of "lucky dip" tickets will hurry along and take their chance in the draw for the principal prizes.

Replying to Mr. McCallum, defendant said when the strike broke out in 1925 all the men, with the exception of the foreman, left for Canton. He did not know what happened to the funds. The Union supplied the men with the passage money, either for train or steamer.

His Honour: Even assuming that the Guild committed an illegal act of this kind, does it vary this man's liability. You must show that it is an unlawful Society before you can deny defendant's liability. The commission of an unlawful act does not deprive anyone or any Society of rights in law.

Mr. McCallum claimed that certain rules had been framed for the conduct of the Guild. Any alterations in its purpose from those rules must be accepted unanimously by the members for them to stand. Members would have had to be unanimous that the Guild should support the strike and that the funds should be devoted to this purpose.

No Charitable Purposes.

Defendant continuing his evidence referred to the Guild's activities during the period immediately following the strike, said that to his knowledge two "investigators" in the employ of the Guild made rounds of the workshops and intimidated men into leaving work.

Asked as to the "charitable purposes" to which, under the rules of the Guild, certain of the money raised from members should be devoted, defendant said that never to his knowledge had monies of the Guild been devoted to any charitable purpose.

Cross-examined, defendant agreed that he had not a close knowledge of the working of the Guild. Since the strike he had not heard anything of the activities of the Guild. He seldom went to their premises. In respect of work which he had done since the strike he had not deducted from the wages paid to workmen the percentage which, under the rules of the Guild, he should do for payment into Guild funds. Most of the money raised in the past by the Guild had gone to the payment of officials and "active" Guild members.

Case Adjourned.

In adjourning the case, at the conclusion of defendant's evidence, his Honour remarked that this was to enable Mr. McCallum to study the books for the production of which he had asked.

If Mr. McCallum intended to continue the case on the grounds that the Guild was an illegal Society, his Honour advised him to submit to judgment. In regard to the amount, on the evidence before him, his Honour was of the opinion that only \$120 was due.

The case was adjourned until Saturday morning in Chambers, when Mr. McCallum will intimate whether he wished to proceed further after inspecting the books he wishes to see.

"ARE WE GOING WEST?"

CONTINENTS AND SUBTERRANEAN HEAT.

CHINA'S FLORA AND ANIMAL ALLIES.

NEAREST NEIGHBOURS IN AMERICA.

That through changes which have occurred very slowly under the earth's crust during the course of the last forty million years or so, the formation and position of continents have moved slowly towards the West, was a statement advanced by Mr. A. H. Crook, Headmaster of Queen's College, in support of a theory he was dealing with in the course of the extremely interesting and instructive lecture he gave at Helena May Institute last evening.

The title of Mr. Crook's lecture was "Are we going West?" He first of all touched on the early nebular hypothesis with regard to the formation and character of earth and its continents, and from this went on to explain how the first bombshell, in the shape of the study of astronomy, went to explode this hypothesis.

After dealing with different theories, Mr. Crook went on to refer to a difficult problem which had confronted scientists in their study of the position of the continents, namely the means whereby animals had been distributed from one continent to another. It was not all animals who could swim, said the lecturer, and the distances would be too great for them to do so, therefore the question arose how did they pass over to these continents. Several theories had been advanced. One was that bridge continents had been formed to enable this passing, but further study would reveal that the bringing up of one continent between two others, would cause the ocean to rise so much as to cover the other two continents.

Chinese Flora and Fauna.

As an interesting local example of the relationships of flora and animals in China, to similar species thousands of miles away, Mr. Crook referred to a treatise on the subject by one of the most famous botanists on China.

This writer dealing with Chinese flora, wrote that it would very naturally be supposed that Chinese flora would be closely allied to flora in Europe, or at least to the Asiatic continent. This was not so, however, for, it was, contrary to general supposition, allied to that on the Atlantic side of the United States of America.

Within 200 miles range of Canton, continued Mr. Crook, there was a certain fir tree. There were two only in the New Territories. This tree looked as if it was down and out, a sort of beach-comber of the plant kingdom. It only produced two or three seeds. Some never ripened. Yet the nearest neighbour to this tree was the swamp cypress of Florida, a fairly flourishing tree, very like the one he had referred to in many respects.

Taking the animal kingdom, said the lecturer, in Falcen there was a certain insect, very like a locust. It had no other next of kin in Europe or Asia, but its nearest neighbour was found on the Atlantic coast of North America.

The only two true alligators in the World were to be found in the Yangtze and its tributaries and in the Mississippi and its tributaries. Then there was the large salamander in Southern China, with its nearest ally in North Carolina.

Ice and Heat.

Mr. Crook commented that one way out of the difficulty of explaining this problem of the distribution of animals and plants at various points of the surface of the earth was merely to say they walked over on put up bridge-continents, but the easiest way out of a problem did not necessarily mean it was the correct solution.

The lecturer then went on to deal exhaustively with various theories which had been given with regard to this question and spoke of the ice-ages, mentioning that Spitzber-

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

ANNUAL INSPECTION BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK.

Invitations have been issued in connection with the annual inspection of the local Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which is to be conducted by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) on the Murray Parade Ground at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday.

On arrival, H.E. the Governor will be received with a Royal Salute, following which he will inspect the Corps. A demonstration of work will then be given, and afterwards hollow square will be formed, and His Excellency will present trophies gained during the year.

Following this, the Corps will be addressed by Sir Cecil Clementi, at the conclusion of which ranks will be reformed, and the Corps will "march past" and off the ground.

Spectators are requested to keep their seats until His Excellency has left the Parade Ground.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

MONTHLY MEETING TOPICS.

At the monthly meeting of this Association last week a letter was read from the Colonial Secretary, in reply to one sent by the Association, stating that the Government were not prepared to re-open the Kowloon Dispensary in other rented premises in the Central District of Kowloon.

As the Kowloon Hospital is somewhat difficult of access, and in the case of an accident the delay might entail risk to a patient it was decided to request the Government to reconsider the matter.

The China Light & Power Co. has stated that the increase of Voltage will be carried out "without any expense whatsoever to the consumers." As lamps of higher candle-power using more current must be used, and on account of various other considerations, the Committee expressed some doubt as to this statement, if the present cost-per-unit is maintained. It was agreed to write to the Company for some assurance on this point.

The Children's Playground Sub-Committee reported that they had interviewed the officials in charge the plot of land promised by the Government in the vicinity of Holt's Wharf. The Committee decided to write to the Government to accept their offer and to enquire if the Government will proceed with the development of the plot in accordance with the plan, as soon as funds are available for the purpose.

They hoped that the planting of the trees might be undertaken at once.

The annual meeting is to take place on February 21st next, if possible.

gen, now not much more than a belt of ice, was at one time said to be a place of orange groves, and in another era a place of palm groves and spices; while Africa, now nothing less than a hot-house, was said to be one of the coldest regions of the earth.

The Corset Theory?

Concluding his lecture, Mr. Crook dealt at length upon the theory advanced by a German scientist, Wagner.

This was that the movement of the continents was due to actions underneath the Earth's crust. The heat on the surface of the world was taken away by conduction, but the heat of the basalt rock underneath the earth could not be so cooled, and it accumulated. Increasing very slowly during the course of forty million years, the rock eventually became molten. The result was that continents sank a little and the sea encroached on the flattened parts. At the same time the earth held together by the magnetic attraction of the sun and moon, turned from West to East, and the continents slide from East to West. This accounted for the continents assuming new positions. The heated mass, however, solidified again, on cooling off, and thus continents during the course of time were flattened, down, rejuvenated and assumed their positions of to-day. This also, concluded the lecturer, gave the explanation of the formation of mountain ranges, and the character of continents generally.

Mr. Crook added, that in his opinion, this theory, which had been discussed very much at Home in recent years, was probably the true one and covered the known facts with regard to the movement of continents and the changes which have taken place in them.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Mr. Crook was warmly thanked by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood on behalf of the audience.

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THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

THE BRITISH ATTITUDE AND POLICY.

PROFOUND INTEREST AROUSED AT HOME.

CABINET AGAIN DISCUSSING THE SITUATION.

LONDON PRESS COMMENT.

MOVEMENTS OF BRITISH WARSHIPS.

FURTHER ANTI-FOREIGN OUTRAGES IN FOCHOW.

The state of affairs generally in China does not appear to be improving, and evidently the anti-foreign menace is becoming more serious, as witness what has just taken place at Fochow.

The conversations between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Chen are stated to have been resumed, but details are not yet to hand.

The British Cabinet and the London Press appear fully to realise the need for every effort being made to protect British lives and property in China. More British warships are being sent out to the China Coast, and it is devoutly to be hoped that there will be no occasion for bringing them into action.

A date for the imposition of the Customs Surtaxes at Shanghai has now been definitely fixed.

There does not appear to be much in the nature of armed conflict between the North and the South, but, according to one of the telegrams, the Northerners are preparing to make an attack upon Hupoh.

The Powers appear to be in entire agreement as to the need for joint action should Shanghai's International Settlement or the French Concession there be attacked.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

BRITAIN AND CHINA.

INFORMATION BEFORE THE CABINET.

LONDON PRESS COMMENT.

MORE ABOUT WARSHIPS.

RUGBY, January 17th. The Cabinet meeting, being held in London to-day, to consider the Chinese situation, will have before it the latest information from various centres in China, including a number of telegrams sent by Mr. O'Malley from Hankow, where he has reported on events leading up to the present situation at that city and on his earlier conversations with Mr. Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister. It is understood that the exchanges between Britain and other Powers regarding measures for safeguarding the international interests at Shanghai are proceeding satisfactorily.

The Powers And Shanghai.

The *Daily Mail* states:—The Powers are determined that events similar to those at Hankow shall not take place at Shanghai. The *Daily News* says:—The powerful British naval squadron already in Chinese waters will be heavily reinforced if the situation does not improve. It adds that the First Cruiser Squadron and the Fourth Destroyer Flotilla are now at Malta awaiting orders to proceed to China and the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla belonging to the Atlantic Fleet is being brought up to full strength and will leave for Hong Kong during the next ten days.

Battleships May Be Sent.

The *Daily News* also reports that: "In naval circles the question of sending one or more battleships to China has been mooted, though no decision on this point has yet been reached. If such vessels are sent they will probably be detached from the Mediterranean Fleet and the choice is likely to fall on H.M.S. *Burham*, *Malaya* or *Valiant*. They are ships of 27,000 tons with a speed of 23 knots and carry eight 15 inch guns and a crew numbering about 1,250 officers and men."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

"Time For Illusions Is Over."

Commenting on China the *Daily Telegraph* says: "The time for illusions is over. British residents in China need powerful protection nor will Mr. O'Malley negotiate the less effectively with Mr. Chen because the latter knows that British cruisers are en route to China. Mr. Chen is surrounded by Russian influences, which are bitterly hostile to British and even if he has the will to come to a reasonable settlement with the British it is no-wise certain that he has the power to impose such a settlement upon the acceptance of his colleagues. But the danger which now menaces British interests in Shanghai threatens the interests of all the Powers alike, and if it is found possible to unite all the Powers in a joint action for the defence of the International Settlement, it surely should not be wholly impossible to bring them to a common policy in other respects also."

"The Real Test."

The *Saturday Review* says: By our impressive moderation at Hankow we have undoubtedly lost that prestige which is bred of hatred and fear, but it undoubtedly makes for a strengthening of the more moderate elements of the Kuomintang. It is difficult to believe that Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Chen will not reach an agreement to restore affairs at Hankow to a normal condition. It is now clear that Mr. Chen's lack of control of the mob was grossly exaggerated, and it is so much to the interest of Nationalists to see British business people again working that any danger of its definite incitement to disorder has disappeared. The real test of Mr. Chen's influence and our own moderation will come when the Nationalists are near enough Shanghai to make rioting and reprisals seem more tempting than level-headed negotiation.

"Infamous Directing Powers Of The Soviet."

The *Spectator* is of opinion that the British Government followed the only course promising a solution of all our difficulties and our present relations with China. It is very easy to talk of the loss of prestige, but the truth is the Yangtze is too low in winter for ships of any size to go as far as Hankow, and even if that were not so, no sensible person would regard war with China as a practical policy. Most cool observers admit that Chinese Nationalism is a reality and its progress is inevitable; therefore, obviously the right policy is to encourage what is good in Nationalism and try to detach therefrom the infamous directing powers of the Soviet by proving to the Chinese that Russia supervision is not merely unnecessary, but is fatal to their interests. It is clear that Mr. Chen has failed to maintain control after promising to do so. If the Kuomintang cannot keep order even in the Concession of Hankow after promising to do so, what is the value of the assertion that the Cantonese are the real rulers of China. Mr. Chen would do well to understand that though there is a wave of Liberal feeling in England about China and a strong desire to end one-sided treaties there is and will be universal support for any British Government in the performance of the elementary duty of protecting life and property as far as is humanly possible.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PRIME MINISTER TO CONFER WITH SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

CABINET MEETING.

LONDON, January 18th. Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minister, will arrive in town early to-morrow morning to confer with Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, before the meeting of the Cabinet to deal with the situation in China. It is stated authoritatively that the decision to send the Cruiser Squadron to China was taken with the object of reassuring British residents and, if necessary, protecting their interests.

FUKIEN VANDALISM.

DESTRUCTION OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CHURCHES AND RESIDENCES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Foochow, Jan. 17th. The destruction of English and American missionary churches and residences was confined to the city yesterday. There were no casualties, but much loss of property. The situation is now apparently in hand. In the foreign quarter all is quiet.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

THE POWERS AND SHANGHAI.

RUGBY, January 16th. Consultations between the Powers having interests in Shanghai are continuing, and it is hoped that a common line of policy may be reached with a view to preventing a repetition at Shanghai of the events which recently occurred in Hankow. Meanwhile, the British authorities in China—diplomatic, naval and military—continue to have wide discretion to deal with local emergencies.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ANTI-FOREIGN OUTBURSTS AT FOCHOW AND HANKOW.

FOOLISH STORIES AND "RUMOURS" REVIVED.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 17th. The foreign messages from Fochow indicate that the agitation is somewhat similar to that of the Boxer Year (1900). The old story of foreigners killing Chinese babies has been revived. A rumour has been circulated that the Spanish nuns murdered Chinese children and about 20 bodies of the babies have been produced, which, it is alleged, were brought out of the nunnery in a decomposed condition. As a result of such stories the priests and nuns had to flee in disguise, after which other foreign property was looted. The evacuation from Szechuan is proceeding systematically. British subjects are leaving Chengtu in batches of 30 at a time.

At Hankow the mob, a few days ago, tore down the barricades around the Japanese concession.

SHANGHAI PORT AND THE CUSTOMS SURTAX.

IN OPERATION FROM THE 20TH INSTANT.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 11th. A proclamation issued here by the Chinese Commissioner of Customs declares that all foreign goods entering Shanghai from January 20th, must pay the 8 per cent. duty provided by treaty and an additional 2 per cent. The total consequently will be 10 per cent.

The proclamation points out that the surtaxes have been collected in other provinces for some time past.

MARSHAL CHANG AND WU WORKING TOGETHER.

PEKING, Jan. 17th. General Yang Yu Ting, Chief of Staff to Marshal Chang Tso Lin, in an interview with the members of the Press at Peking, states that Marshal Chang and Marshal Wu Pei Fu are working together in the anti-Red movement and that Marshal Chang has placed his son, General Chang Hsueh Liang, under the command of Marshal Wu. General Chang Hsueh Liang is arriving at Chengchow to assist the Marshal in his offensive against the Southerners at Hupoh.

AN ISSUE OF \$30,000,000 TREASURY BONDS.

PEKING, Jan. 17th. The Acting Premier, Dr. Wellington Koo, and Mr. Tan Yi Ho, Minister of Finance, are considering the issue of \$30,000,000 worth of treasury bonds to tide over the Chinese New Year settlements. It is believed that the proceeds of the proposed 2 per cent. surtax on Customs will secure the issue.

SINO-BELGIAN TREATY.

REVISION CONFERENCE FORMALLY OPENED.

PEKING, Jan. 17th. The conference for the revision of the Sino-Belgian Treaty at the Waichow formally opened this morning with Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, and M. le Wazee, Minister for Belgium, heading the respective delegations. The details of negotiations will be in the hands of experts for some time before any statement will be made, it is understood. *Chinese Press Service.*

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH FIRST CRUISER SQUADRON AT MALTA. DRY-DOCKING, PROVISIONING AND MUTIONING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Malta, Jan. 17th. The First Cruiser Squadron has arrived in Malta for dry-docking, provisioning, and mutioning, and is unlikely to be ready before Wednesday.

THE BRITISH VICE-ADMIRAL AT HANKOW.

RUGBY, January 16th. Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief in China, arrived in Hankow yesterday. Conversations between Mr. O'Malley, Acting Counselor for the British Legation in Peking and Mr. Eugene Chen, Cantonese Foreign Minister, are proceeding.

THE "STAND-BY" ORDERS FOR BRITISH WARSHIPS.

RUGBY, January 16th. The British Admiralty announce that the First Cruiser Squadron, which is attached to the Mediterranean fleet, has been ordered to "stand by" in readiness to proceed to China if required.

The First Cruiser Squadron consists of H.M.S. *Proteus*, which is its flagship and H.M.S. *S. S. Danes, Dragon, Dauntless and Delhi*. The *Proteus* is a cruiser of 8,860 tons and the four other vessels are sister ships of 4,390 tons displacement.

The following eight cruisers are already in Chinese waters: H.M.S. *Centurion, Emerald, Farnborough, Despatch, Enterprise, Caradoc, Hawkins and Durbur*.

The Eighth Destroyer Flotilla is ready to sail and two further destroyers are at Malta and will serve as escorts for H.M. gunboats *Aphis* and *Ladybird*, which are there and are also under orders for China.

Nine destroyers 13 gunboats, 5 sloops and H.M. aircraft carrier *Hermes* are already in Chinese waters.

The decision to give "stand by" orders to the First Cruiser Squadron was reached after consultation between the Foreign Secretary, the Prime Minister and the Admiralty.

Mr. Baldwin is at his country residence at Chequers for the week-end, but is telegraphing close touch with Whitehall and will return to London to-morrow, when a further Cabinet meeting will be held. Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, cancelled his week-end engagements and remained in London.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JAPANESE POLICY.

LARGE MEASURE OF DISCRETION GIVEN TO THEIR NAVAL OFFICERS.

TOKYO, Jan. 17th. The Japanese Naval officers and Consul officials on the Yangtze have been instructed to confer with the authorities of other Powers regarding the best steps to protect foreign lives and property. It is understood that Naval officers have been given a large measure of discretion to act as seems best in the event of special circumstances arising and requiring immediate action.

PRINCE CHICHIBU.

ARRIVES IN TOKYO.

TOKYO, Jan. 17th. Prince Chichibu, second son of the late Emperor of Japan, arrived this afternoon and proceeded to the station through great welcoming crowds to pay his respects to the spirit of his late Imperial father, who is lying in state in the main palace.

THE BIG U.S. SWIM.

CANADIAN LAD WINS.

New York, Jan. 16th. A message from Point Vincent, California, says that the seventeen-year-old Toronto lad, named George Young, won the 23-mile swim, at Santa Catalina, California, his time being 15 hours and 45 minutes. Sullivan and Toth, the English Channel swimmers gave up early. Miss Charlotte Barrett, the New York School teacher, retired after fourteen miles.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

POPULAR RECEPTION IN ROME.

RUGBY, Jan. 16th. The Rt. Hon. Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, arrived in Rome yesterday from Athens and Brindisi. Although the visit, during which Mr. Churchill is the guest of the British Minister, is private, his arrival in Rome is warmly welcomed in the Press, which regards it as an indication of friendliness of Anglo-Italian relations. Mr. Churchill called upon Signor Mussolini yesterday and had a long conversation.

NEW DELHI.

ENORMOUS SUMS SPENT ON THE NEW CAPITAL. THE FORMAL OPENING OF PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, January 17th. The state opening by H.E. the Viceroy of India of the Parliament Buildings in New Delhi will take place to-morrow. The new buildings will house the Chamber of Princes, Council of State and Legislative Assembly, and have been erected at a cost of over £300,000. They occupy a commanding position in the new capital, where most of the principal buildings, including the Viceregal Lodge and quarters of the Secretariat have now been completed. Over £10,000,000 have been spent on the new capital, exclusive of £275,000 on gardens and other ornamental places. A residential scheme accounts for about £1,125,000.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

THREE IMPORTANT BILLS.

LONDON, January 17th. The Government of India has gazetted three important Bills, embodying the Hilton Young Currency Commission's recommendations. The first Bill, aiming at the immediate stabilisation of the Rupee in its relation to gold, proposes a rate of eighteen pence. The legal tender quality of the sovereign and half-sovereign coin will be recognized and enable the establishment of a real gold bullion standard. During the transition period, until the Reserve Bank overtakes the note issue, the Government will not exercise its option to sell gold as it will be engaged building up at gold reserve.

The object of the second Bill is to establish a gold standard currency and to constitute a Reserve Bank, which will have the sole right of the note issue for 25 years, subject to renewal with a capital of five crores of rupees paid up.

Imperial Bank shareholders will be given a first opportunity of subscribing, but as it is not desirable to give them a preponderating voice in deciding the currency policy of the Reserve Bank, it is proposed to give it to the Imperial Bank as an institution and not to individual shareholders with the option of the bank subscribing 30 per cent. of the capital. The Central Board of the Imperial Bank has expressed its willingness to recommend the proposal to its shareholders. The head office of the Reserve Bank will be at Bombay and the directors will be nominated partly by the Government and elected partly by shareholders.

The Bill empowers the bank for five years to advance money against promissory notes of scheduled banks, thereby helping to finance industry and the movement of crops.

The third Bill empowers the Imperial Bank to enter into agreement with the Reserve Bank to conduct Government business as the agent of the Reserve Bank, where the latter has no branch and to open branches outside India.

The first reading of all three Bills is likely to take place in the Assembly on the 25th instant. Divergence of opinion will be mainly on the ratio question, regarding which a majority of non-official members will vote for a sixteen pence ratio.

ILLICIT OPIUM.

REVENUE OFFICERS' BIG HAUL ABOARD THE "HAINUN."

A seizure of over 3,000 taels of opium was made on Saturday by Revenue Officers aboard the s.s. *Hainun*, on her arrival here from Kwang Chan Wan. The only information now available is that the opium was concealed in the cargo, and the seizure was one of the largest made within recent months. It was due to the smart work of Revenue Officer Lanigan and his subordinates at Kowloon.

If the drug seized is in the prepared state, it is worth over \$50,000.

G. B. SHAW AND AMATEUR ACTORS.

Some amateurs in South London some time ago applied to Mr. Bernard Shaw for permission to give a performance of his play "You Never Can Tell." They received the following reply: "Dear Sir,—Amateurs cannot perform my plays. Professionals cannot unless I am there to help them. By all means do it if you want to, and God bless the audience!"

MEXICO'S OIL LAWS.

A U.S. OIL COMPANY TAKES ACTION.

INJUNCTION GRANTED.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

TAMPICO, Mexico, Jan. 17th. The Sinclair Oil Company has obtained a Federal Court injunction against the Mexican Secretary of Industry who cancelled its permit to drill oil wells on the Taranituro field.

BOMBAY RECLAMATION "SCANDAL."

THE BACKBAY COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY'S REPORT.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

DELHI, Jan. 17th. The Backbay Committee of Inquiry, into what has been referred to as the "Bombay Reclamation Scheme Scandal," has reported that in its opinion Sir George Buchanan committed a grave error of judgment with regard to the order of the dredger; and says that Lord Lloyd, the ex-Governor of Bombay, acted throughout with the highest motives but the Committee are surprised that he overlooked the apparent inadequacy of Sir George Buchanan's figures, and did not notice the difference between the hard clay, mentioned by Sir George Buchanan, and the offer of the Simon Company for a soft clay dredger.

The Committee declare that Sir George Buchanan was right in the strict interpretation of the agreement regarding the responsibility for the execution of the work.

Sir Lawless Hepper's reports did not present a true picture of the progress of the work and concealed material circumstances, but the Committee emphatically declare that the charge of dishonesty had not been proved.

Finally, the Committee recommend the reclamation of four blocks of the Reclamation Scheme only on the foreshore strip of the remaining four blocks, which are to be used as a recreation ground.

[A telegram, dated Bombay, February 22nd, 1926, stated: "The Government has decided to continue the work on three blocks of the Backbay Land Reclamation Scheme, and will invite tenders for the earth filling of two blocks. The order must compare with the economic possibilities hereof with the dredging."

A previous message, sent on February 7th, 1926, stated: The unsatisfactory progress in the Scheme to reclaim 1,145 acres at the Backbay, Bombay, is the subject of sensational reports of the Committee of Investigation. The Majority Report points out that the estimated cost of filling in the area was seriously at fault. It recommends completing three out of eight blocks, proposes that consideration of the completion of the Scheme be postponed to 1927-28; and considers that the Government should have exercised greater prudence in accepting the estimate of Sir George Buchanan regarding the output of the dredger by Sir George Buchanan's expert adviser, and the main responsibility must rest with him. The Minority Report characterizes the action of the Government as a grave scandal and recommends the abolition of the Development Directorate.

Another telegram on the subject, dated May 18th, 1926, stated: The India Office announces that, at the request of the Government of India, it has decided to appoint a Committee of Inquiry into connection with the Backbay Reclamation Scheme regarding which there has been so much scandal.]

INDUSTRIAL GRANTS.

During the year 1925-26, less than half the amount paid out for political expenses, went as industrial grants to district associations. The expenses for committee meetings and conferences amounted to £7,645, and the office expenses to £3,051.

Contributions from the districts for the Parliamentary Labour Fund came to £28,991. The districts also contributed £19,710 to the general fund, which was further added to by loans totalling £31,604. The bank balance at the end of the year amounted to £1,704, less £95, and the cash in hand to £24.

New non-political unions for miners are making great headway in Nottinghamshire and South Wales.

THE WEARING OF THE SO-CALLED HAREM SKIRTS (TROUSERS) HAS BEEN FORBIDDEN BY A MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN ANATOLIA. They constituted part of the costume of local women who have been ordered to adopt skirts. The husbands or parents of women who transgress the new dress rules will be prosecuted.

COLDEST WEATHER FOR YEARS IN NEW YORK.

SIX DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

ICY BLIZZARD STRIKES THE CITY.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Jan. 17th.

With the thermometer at 6 degrees below zero, the coldest weather for years is being experienced here and in other parts of the Eastern States, when a blizzard, which had previously buried Chicago and other cities in the middle-west and north-west under huge snowdrifts, swept over New York. The icy gale blew at 40 miles an hour, seriously hampering shipping in the harbour and railway and street traffic. Three deaths are attributed to the storm.

BORDER FEUD ON RIVIERA.

FASCISTS' HUNT FOR ASSASSINS.

SERIES OF CRIMES.

A feud is being carried on along the Franco-Italian border between anti-Fascists who have taken refuge in France and Fascist militiamen who mount a continuous guard on the frontier. The objects of the militiamen are to prevent the introduction into Italy of seditious literature and to keep a close watch upon political refugees who are suspected of plotting against the Italian Government. The feud has resulted this week in two serious crimes reminiscent of the Corsican bandits, but the consequences might be much more serious because they are liable to involve violence on the frontier by the opposing forces.

To prevent frontier incidents of this nature, which might strain the friendly relations between France and Italy, the French Government has increased the frontier guards and strengthened the covering troops on the Italian border.

Fascists And Anti-Fascists. The hatred between Italian anti-Fascists and Fascists, who are established in large numbers all along the Mediterranean coast from Marseilles to Ventimiglia, broke out when a Fascist employee of the Italian Consulate at Nice was killed by three Italian bandits.

The Italian police maintain that the criminals were led by the notorious Milanese Pollastri. Recently two soldiers, a non-commissioned officer named Scianlunga and a private named Gerbi were shot dead near the frontier. The murderers then threw the bodies into the ditch by the roadside after robbing them of their arms.

It is believed that Pollastri and his accomplices have been hiding in the mountains behind Ventimiglia, where they are being actively sought by large detachments of troops of police, and Fascist militia men.

WHERE BRITISH MINERS' MONEY GOES.

UNION'S £27,000 ON POLITICS IN ONE YEAR.

CASH IN HAND—2d.

The enormous amount of money spent by the trade unions for political rather than industrial purposes is shown by a copy of the income and expenditure account of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain for the year ending June 1926, which has been published by the secretary of the Anti-Socialist and Anti-Communist Union.

In that year the Federation spent £27,000 on political expenses. Members of Parliament who belonged to the federation received £11,650 in addition to their parliamentary salaries of £400 a year each, and £22,395 was spent on running candidates at the general election in October, 1924.

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A COUNTRY WITHOUT ANY STANDARD OF
RIGHT OR WRONG.

The unboard results of this material policy have been augmented by the prominence which the American institutions have given to their own Revolution. I remember reading the school books in a Chinese college 18 years ago. There was an emphasis on the American Revolution which would have been humorous had it not been so tragic. The sketch of history passed so rapidly through the history of England that to the student Julius Cæsar and William the Norman must have seemed almost contemporary. There was no pause till we got to the reign of George III., though why the poor Chinese student should have been troubled with the question at all seemed difficult to answer. And then there was a marked emphasis. When we read the school-book one felt the student would think of then a new era had dawned on the whole world with the breaking away of the American Colonies from England. And no doubt, as the students realized the great wealth of America, they have been constantly tempted to follow the steps that have led to that wealth, and the first of those steps was, as their school books insisted, a revolution. And therefore they began with a revolution.

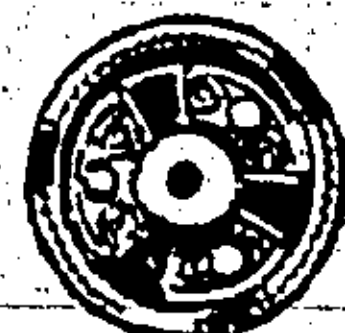
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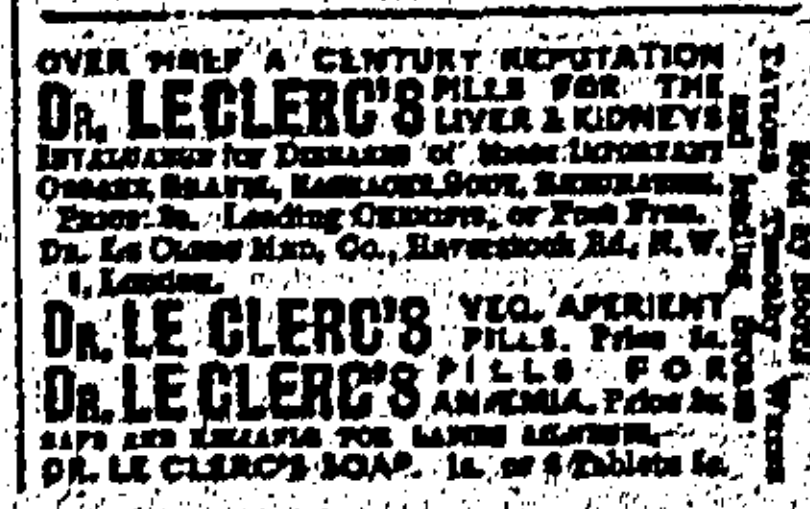
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THE WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

BELIEVED TO MAKE BABIES IMMUNE.

Writing in the *Daily Mail* Mr. J. B. S. Haldane, the Celebrated Bio-Chemist, says:—

Tuberculosis does not stand first on the list of causes of death in England, but it is the most serious because it kills in infancy and prime of life, whereas cancer is a disease of the old, and most other diseases affect them more than the young. Although the death rate from tuberculosis has been halved in the last 27 years, yet it has not been reduced to the condition of a rarely like typhoid fever, or a complaint from which one only dies by one's own neglect or that of one's parents and guardians, like small-pox.

A great number of attempts have been made of late to cure it by some method more direct than good feeding, fresh air, and sunlight or ultraviolet radiation. But the tubercle bacillus is a tough creature, and it is hard to kill it without killing its host first. Sanocrysin, the gold compound advocated by M. J. M. of Copenhagen, has proved effective in some cases, but it has caused kidney trouble and fever in others. A great many attempts have been made to cure tubercular disease by increasing the immunity of the patient to it in various ways. Most of these attempts have been failures.

At the present time the Spahlinger treatment, which belongs to this class, is under investigation. It has not received a very thorough trial, because Dr. Spahlinger, unlike all other workers who have investigated the question from a scientific standpoint, has not seen fit to publish full details of his method. And the value of any treatment can only be estimated when it has been applied to some hundreds of cases.

It is worth remarking, however, that success on these lines seems to be much less hopeful than in the case of acute diseases such as scarlet fever or measles, a single attack of which generally confers immunity in future.

Experiments On Babies.

The most interesting attempt to confer immunity is one which aims at prevention and lays no claim whatever to cure. Professor Calmette, sub-director of the Pasteur Institute in Paris and a Fellow of the Royal Society, who has been engaged on the problem for over twenty years, believes that he is able to render most babies immune to tubercle for life.

For thirty years tubercle bacilli were grown on bile-scented potatoes in his laboratory. At the end of this time they had become domesticated, so to speak, and although they multiplied when injected into animals, they no longer caused them illness. Over three thousand new-

born calves were injected in this way, and it was found that they had become immune to ordinary tuberculosis.

After experiments on monkeys in West Africa, the treatment was applied to new-born babies four years ago. Since July 1924 over 5,000 French infants have been given doses of the "baccille Calmette-Guérin," as the tame tubercle germ is called. Six hundred of these were children of tuberculous parents, of whom one in four usually die in their first year. Instead of 150 only 11 actually died. The results among the children exposed to less intense infection were, of course, better.

Adult Europeans are generally already slightly infected with tubercle, and infection with the new bacillus is useless or dangerous. Negroes, however, are little attacked until they come to a temperate climate, where they die of tuberculosis in great numbers. Accordingly, in an experiment now in progress one-half of a Senegalese battalion in France have been inoculated, and their health is being compared with that of the other half.

As one quarter of the deaths of French children in their first two years are due to tubercle, and a large proportion of the French troops are coloured, Professor Calmette's work, if successful, will do more for the future security of France than any number of treaties or pacts.

The Price Of Safety.

Outside France similar protection has been afforded to thousands of coloured children in the French Colonies. In another five years it should be possible to pass a definite judgment on its value.

But meanwhile the known possibilities of prevention in this country might well be exploited. The greatest single channel of infection is milk from tuberculous cows drunk in infancy or early childhood. But the vast majority even of well-to-do parents do not take the trouble to obtain Grade A or Grade A certified milk for their younger children. In many places it is, of course, not available, but it would be if an economic demand for it existed. And with no public opinion behind it in the matter, the Government cannot be expected to legislate drastically in favour of pure milk.

If science has not discovered a cure, or an infallible preventive for tuberculosis, it has at least shown how the mortality could be greatly lowered. For the price of a cigar or a cinema a week you can protect your child against its most dangerous enemy. Is it worth while?

JOANNA SOUTHCOOT'S BOX.

SEALS MAY BE BROKEN IN NEW YEAR.

HIDDEN SECRETS OF MODERN PROPHECY.

Joanna Southcott's famous box of prophecies may be opened early in the New Year.

The story of this box is one of the most remarkable in the history of religious beliefs, and there are still thousands who are firmly convinced that it contains secrets which will be of incalculable value to the nation.

The famous prophetic left instructions that the box was to remain closed "until the nation is in dire straits." There was talk of opening it during the War, and ever since, in the event of any trouble falling on Britain, the 50,000 believers in the efficacy of what the box contains have urged that the country should be saved by concerted action of the four-and-twenty bishops who must demand the box before anything can be done.

Joanna sealed the famous box originally at Plumtree, in Devon and left it in the care of the Vicar of Swinford, who believed in her divine inspiration. The vicar left it in charge of his son, and at the present time it is in the custody of a Church of England clergyman who has kept it hidden for the past thirty years.

Turned Out.

Joanna's excursion into the realms of prophecy was due, originally, to disappointment in a love affair, after which she claimed divine inspiration, a claim which her father disputed to the extent of turning her out of his house. After various wanderings she went to Exeter, where she was spiritually informed that she was to "be the mother of Shiloh, the second incarnation of Christ."

The Methodists of the district, to which she belonged, by their hostility drove her to Plumtree, where a married sister gave her house-room.

It was while living with her sister that she began her written prophecies, and as the sister was of the same opinion as her father and the Exeter Methodists, Joanna had to seal her writings in a book to save them from being burned.

It was not by her will that the famous box went into hiding, but her followers deemed this the safest way of preserving the contents of the "casket" unharmed. The box itself weighs about 11 hundred-weights, and is made of iron, locked and sealed, the lock having a key which Joanna used to carry in a silk bag which hung round her neck.

The Millennium.

Actually there is not one box, but three deal boxes, one inside another, the outermost one measuring about three feet in length by about a foot and a half in breadth and depth. This outer case is heavily nailed that it will have to be broken when the great day of opening comes, to get at the inner cases. Round its edges are the seven faded red seals which were affixed by Joanna's followers when it was closed.

According to Joanna herself, the opening of the box is to signalise the beginning of the millennium. It is because of this that the followers of the lady are anxiously waiting for the bishops to make a move, and give the nation a chance.

ROYAL BRIDE HELD UP.

DUKE OF BRABANT FORGETS PASSPORTS.

An amusing story is being told on the Riviera of the visit of the Duke of Brabant, heir to the Belgian throne, and his bride, formerly Princess Astrid of Sweden, in the course of their honeymoon tour.

The royal couple maintained their incognito until they decided to visit San Remo. On the Italian frontier they found that they had forgotten their passports. The duke had then to explain to the gendarmes who he was, but they were inclined to take him for an impostor and refused to allow his car to cross.

The young bridegroom was compelled to go to the official in command of the frontier post before he was allowed to proceed. His bride passed the time away by buying and addressing picture postcards.

A CLOSE SEASON FOR DANCES.

The Roman Catholic Government of the Swiss canton of Ticino have recently enforced a law preventing dancing except during the first three months of the year. Every ball will have to receive police authorisation.

It is expressly forbidden that persons under sixteen years of age should dance. Between sixteen and twenty dancers must be accompanied by their parents.

UNITED STATES NAVY.

LATTICEWORK MASTS GIVE PLACE TO TRIPODS.

ALTERATIONS TO OLDER BATTLESHIPS.

Commenting on the alterations to the older battleships of the United States Fleet, the *Army and Navy Register* (Washington) says:—

"Old-timers" of the Atlantic seacoast are rubbing their eyes to-day, for they have seen two modernized battleships, the U.S.S. *Texas* and the U.S.S. *Arkansas*, steaming out of Hampton Roads, Va., en route for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the modernization has entirely transformed their appearance. Gone are the cage or lattice-work masts of the *Texas* which have characterized the older American battleships, for they have been replaced by tripod masts, and a single funnel has replaced the two stacks formerly characteristic of both ships.

These two ships and the U.S.S. *Florida* have been undergoing alterations as provided by progress. The *Florida* sailed November 1st for Guantanamo Bay from Boston.

The modernization of the *Texas*, *Arkansas* and *Florida* is to be followed at once by similar alterations to the *New York*, *Wyoming*, and *Utah*. The *New York* will be transformed at the Norfolk Navy Yard by the same process as was her sister ship, the *Texas*. The *Wyoming* will undergo modernization at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and the *Utah* at the Boston Yard. It is expected that the *New York*, *Wyoming*, and *Utah* will be ready for sea in their new silhouette form in eleven months.

Protection Increased.

Specifically, the alterations made to the *Texas* include conversion from coal to oil-burning, additional plating on the protective deck as a defence against aerial bombs, and high-angle gunfire, installation of a powder impulse catapult for air-planes, "blisters" on the under-water hull for submarine and mine and bomb protection, and the removal of the mainmast and the substitution in its place of a low mast just forward of No. 3 turret and the installation of a new tripod mast between turrets 3 and 4. These changes also will be made on the *New York*, the only other ship carrying 14-inch guns to be modernized at the present time.

The change from two smoke stacks to one has been made possible by the substitution of a smaller number of oil-burning boilers for the coal-burning boilers formerly installed on these ships. Oil-burning ships are available for all six ships to be modernized from the eleven capital ships that were being constructed at the time of the Washington Treaty, but which were subsequently scrapped.

Installation of a powder impulse catapult for air-planes on the *Texas* has resulted in changing the position of the mainmast.

Other Ships.

The modernization plans for the other four ships, the *Florida*, *Utah*, *Arkansas*, and *Wyoming*, are similar to those for the *Texas* and *New York* except that the cage foremast will be retained, new cruising turbines will be installed, and the present fire control systems of the four ships will be retained. On the *Arkansas* and *Wyoming* the new tripod mainmast is between turrets 4 and 5. In the *Florida* between turrets 3 and 4. On all six ships living conditions for all enlisted personnel have been greatly improved.

This programme of modernization when completed will increase the cruising radius of these ships to that of the other twelve battleships of the United States Fleet. The six modernized ships will not be entirely homogeneous with the latest U.S. battleships, as the elevation of their guns, to permit firing at the higher ranges, was not authorised in the modernization programme.

TRESPASS BY A KENTISH HUNT.

INJUNCTION GRANTED AGAINST THE MASTER.

Mr. Justice Tomlin, in the Chancery Division recently, heard a motion by Messrs. Dan and Stone, Ltd., proprietors of Wadden Hall Farm, Waltham, Kent, restraining Mr. Henry W. Selby-Lowndes, Master of the East Kent Hunt, his hussars, whippers-in, and other servants from riding or hunting over the farm. Mr. Selby-Lowndes did not appear.

Mr. Christie, for the plaintiffs, said that in spite of a request not to hunt over the farm except on a very small part of it, the hunt had ridden over it on more than one occasion, breaking down gates and badly frightening the company's valuable pedigree cattle. Mr. Selby-Lowndes himself had also ridden across the farm and spoke to the farm bailiff. The judge granted the injunction sought.

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The fund was established in September, 1919, and has thus been in existence for over seven years, covering a period of unprecedented depression in the shipping trade and consequent unemployment amongst certificated officers. During that time well over £35,000 has been distributed—a fine record indeed, and one which should give great satisfaction to those who have so generously contributed towards the fund. There now remains some £1,500 in the main fund and £198 in King George's Fund section.

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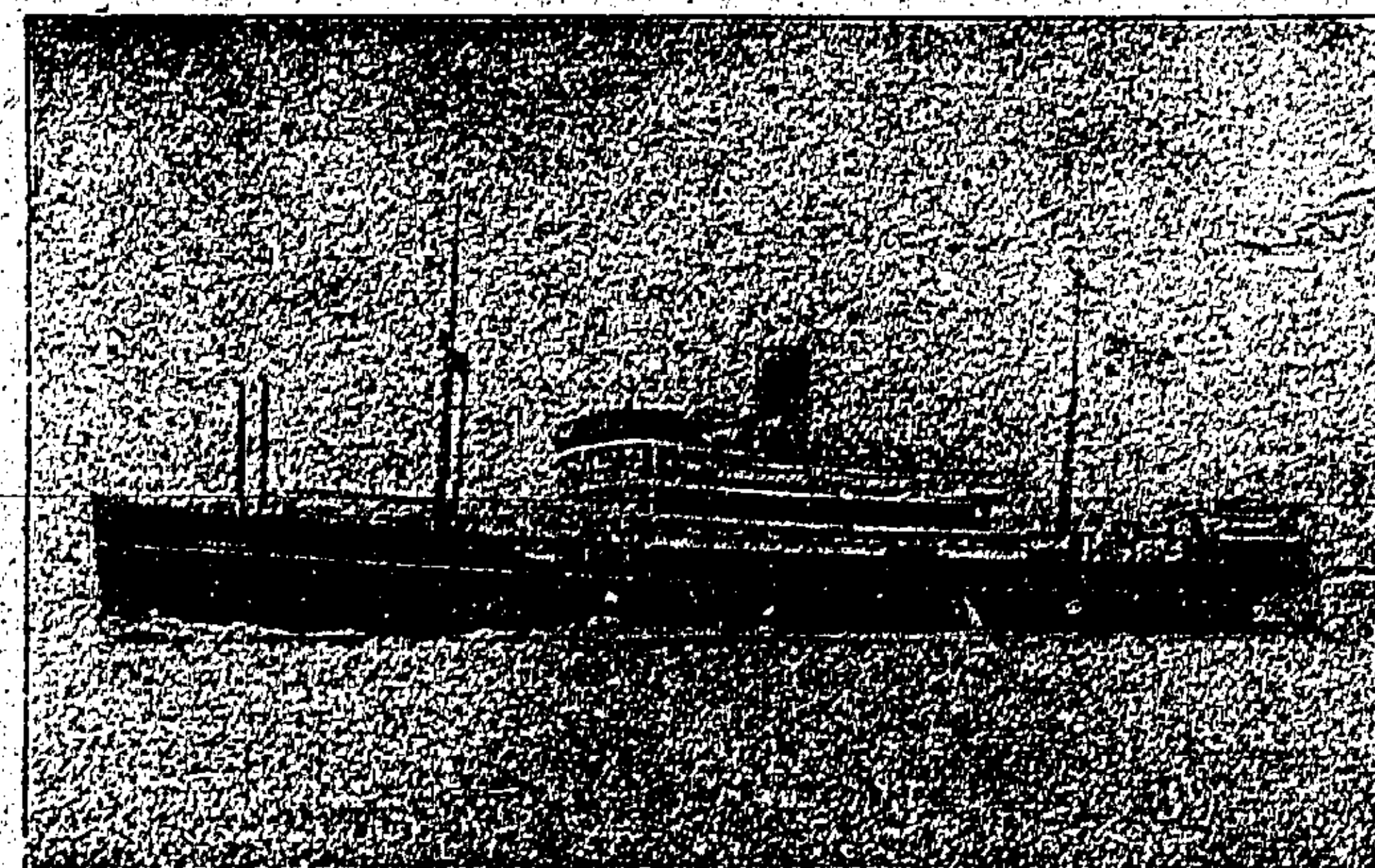
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ARRIVALS.

January 15th.
Maud, Norwegian str., 1,351 tons,
Capt. L. A. Strange, from Can-
ton, in ballast, lying at Yau-
mat, Thorsen & Co.

January 16th.
Chungking, Chinese str., 447 tons,
Capt. Kwok Shao, from Poo-
ying, with a general cargo,
lying at buoy No. C33—Yau
Koo & Co.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons,
Capt. O. Klette, from Chin-
wangtao, which port she left on
January 10th, with 3,505 tons of
coal, lying at buoy No. B60—
Dodwell & Co.

Daiichi Maru No. 3, Japanese str.,
1,288 tons, Capt. N. Yamaguchi,
from Sakito and Japan, with
3,000 tons of coal, lying at buoy
No. C49—Mitsubishi & Co.

Manila, Japanese str., 5,510
tons, Capt. H. Chiba, from
Nagasaki, which port she left
on January 12th, with a general
cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.
—O.S.K.

Yanning, British str., 1,505 tons,
Capt. J. Clark, from Canton,
with a nil entry, lying at buoy
No. C14—B. & S.

Suigun, British str., 1,594 tons,
Capt. P. R. Purcell, from
Shanghai and Swatow, with a
general cargo, lying at buoy
No. B12—B. & S.

Nungah, Japanese str.,
1,503 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura,
from Canton, with a general
cargo, lying at buoy No. C87—
N.Y.K.

West Carmona, American str., 3,517
tons, Capt. L. A. Gilley, from
San Francisco and Manila.
The latter port she left on Jan.
10th, with a cargo of hemp,
lying at buoy No. A25—Swayne
& Hoyt Inc.

Wingwo, Chinese str., 503 tons,
Capt. A. de Lemos, from
Fort Bayard, with a general
cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.
—Yew

January 17th.
Honolulu Maru, Japanese str.,
3,540 tons, Capt. Y. Takada,
from Moji, which port she left
on January 12th, with a general
cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.
—O.S.K.

Kiangsu, British str., 1,555 tons,
Capt. C. S. Ishister, from Bang-
kok and Swatow. The former
port she left on January 7th,
with a general cargo, lying at
buoy No. B13—B. & S.

Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons,
Capt. Edwin Monkman, from
Shanghai and Amoy, with a
general cargo, lying at buoy
No. B12—B. & S.

Taipei Maru, Japanese str., 1,294
tons, Capt. T. Ishigaki, from
Haiphong and Hoikow, with
general cargo, lying at O.S.K.
Wharf—O.S.K.

Tyndarus, British str., 7,172 tons,
Capt. R. T. Williams, from
Seattle and Moji. The latter
port she left on January 13th,
with a general cargo, lying at
buoy No. A3—B. & S.

Walton Hall, British str., 3,201
tons, Capt. G. V. Harris, from
Liverpool and Singapore. The
latter port she left on January
10th, with a general cargo,
lying at Holt's Wharf—Bank
Line.

Zuma, Dutch str., 5,335 tons,
Capt. K. E. Die, from Amster-
dam, which port she left on
November 26th, 1926, with a
general cargo, lying at Kow-
loon Wharf—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

January 27th.
Hong Hwa, for Amoy.
Sungshan Maru, for Swatow.
West Carmona, for San Francisco.
Manila Maru, for Saigon.
Triton, for Amoy.

Jiang Sang, for Swatow.
Kwai Sang, for Canton.
Tak Hing, for Amoy.
Sunkong, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Raymond Poincare, for Canton.
Shimes Maru, for Dairen.
Noochow, for Canton.
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Walton Hall, for Shanghai.
Zuma, for Shanghai.
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Suigun, for Canton.

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Davy, Miss Bayes-Davy, Miss G.
Bayes-Davy, Mr. G. A. Moncrieff,
Mrs. G. H. Wilson, Mrs. G. R. Stop-
ford, Mr. L. A. Blok, Mr. and Mrs.
R. Vida, Mr. J. V. Green, Mrs.
E. Mackay, Mrs. H. C. Ludbrook,
Mr. G. Harris, Mr. B. J. Glendin-
ning, and Mr. C. G. Collis.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, fore-
cast and remarks, issued by the
Royal Observatory at 5.05 p.m.,
stated:

The anti-cyclone has weakened
further. Moderate monsoon may be
expected along the S.E. coast of
China and over the North China
Sea.
Local forecast:—East winds,
moderate, fine.

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WENT TO SEA AT 11 YEARS
OF AGE.

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mas-day with keener pleasure than
old John Cunningham, the oldest
man to serve actively throughout
the Great War. He was born on
Christmas-day, 1842.

Running away to sea when he was
only ten and a half years, he was
at sea for 68 years.

He has now celebrated his 84th
birthday and Christmas-day com-
bined in a manner befitting a half-
and able merchant seaman who
buds himself ashore in the congenial
company of old shipmates at the
Royal Alfred Home for Aged Mer-
chant Seamen.

Christmas-day in the sheltered
comfort of the home is a very
different institution from anything
old John Cunningham knew at sea.
"In an my days at sea," he said,
replying to a question, "they were
hard working Christmas. There
was no plum pudding, for seafaring
men in those days, and come to
think of it, we were none of us
worse off for that."

John's first Christmas at sea was
on his 11th birthday, when, an ap-
prentice of six months' standing in
the 300 ton sailing brig—Brierley
Hill, he was busy in a Spanish port.

"We were loading cargo all day
and night," he said, "and blast if
we remembered it was Christmas-
day at all." Then he brightened
up with a pleasant reminiscence.
"But we had a bit of fine boiled
mutton and a pile of fresh greens
that day," he said, chuckling.

"Pudding! No pudding. Grog!
No grog—unless you went ashore
and bought it."

John, who had retired from
seafaring in 1913, joined up again
on the outbreak of war, and carried
on until Christmas-eve, 1922, a day
before his 80th birthday. During the
war he served in the Channel, the
North Atlantic, and the Southern
Seas, visiting France, Canada, the
United States, Japan, and Aus-
tralia.—Natal and Military Record.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR JANUARY, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120°13
MERIDIAN, EAST OF
GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
January 18th	7.03 a.m.	6.02 p.m.
" 19th	7.03	6.03
" 20th	7.03	6.03
" 21st	7.03	6.04
" 22nd	7.03	6.04
" 23rd	7.03	6.05
" 24th	7.03	6.06
" 25th	7.03	6.06
" 26th	7.04	6.07
" 27th	7.04	6.08
" 28th	7.04	6.09
" 29th	7.04	6.10
" 30th	7.03	6.10
" 31st	7.03	6.11

CATTLE VERSUS TIGER.

BOY'S REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

The remarkable escape of a
cowboy boy from a man-eating
tiger is reported from the jungle
tracks of Shimoga, India, by the
Times of India. While in the
midst of about a hundred cattle on
the outskirts of Maravanji, a village
near Chennanagiri at ten in the morn-
ing the boy was suddenly attacked
from behind by the beast. He fell
on his face but before the tiger
could seize him the cattle charged
the man-eater, forcing the tiger to
leave the boy and all sides with
their horns, goring the beast's body.
The half killed beast managed to
escape into the jungle. The boy
was picked up later by the
villagers and is now progressing
satisfactorily in hospital.

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COPENHAGEN.

The M/S. "MALAYA"

will be loading for ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, COPENHAGEN,
and other SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.
On or about 18th January.

Further Sailings	Expected on or about	Will leave home-ward-bound on or about
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M.S. "Danmark" ... 20th January
M.S. "Annam" ... 28th February
M.S. "Asia" ... 11th March

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Jan. 17th.

Day	Previous On Date	On Date
at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.98	29.92
Temperature	84	81
Humidity	80	81
Wind	E	E
Direction	E	E
Force	4	3
Weather	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 16th: 89

Lowest open-air Temperature, 17th: 82

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 18th to 24th, 1927.

Day	Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Day	Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	18	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Wed.	19	11 13	4 2	4 10	0 7	9 21	3 2
Thurs.	20	10 21	4 2	4 10	0 7	11 48	4 4
Fri.	21	10 21	4 2	4 10	0 7	11 48	4 4
Sat.	22	11 25	4 2	4 10	0 7	11 48	4 4
Sun.	23	11 37	4 2	4 10	0 7	11 48	4 4
Mon.	24	1 58	4 2	4 10	0 7	11 48	4 4

WITHIN CALL.

The following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—
Yangtze, Angers, Kuli Sang, Tai Maru No. 2, Taikwa Maru, Mito Maru, Alta Maru, Manila Maru, Hankow Maru, Amoy, Suigun, Hangchow, Shenai Maru No. 6, President Garfield and Hang Sang.

A WOMAN TENOR.

VOICE LIKE CARUSO'S DUE TO THROAT OPERATION.

Assembled at the last meeting of the Vienna Medical Association, a large number of doctors were thrilled by the delightful singing in the adjoining ante-room of a robust tenor of excellent quality.

Dr. Froschels, who had asked them to listen to a rendering of an aria of Richard Wagner's "Aida," for a reason which he would later explain, then introduced the singer, who proved to be a woman of 23.

The remarkable qualities of her voice, which many of the doctors declared reminded them of Caruso, were shown to be solely due to a shortening of one of her vocal chords through a throat operation performed when she was a child. She is being trained by professors for grand opera.

BACK SCRATCHERS.

Miss Amy Drucker, whose pictures of cities and personalities in modern China were recently on view at 9, Clifford-street, London, said to a Press representative that she was land at any rate, ladies of quality regularly carried an ornamental back-scratcher attached to a cord to their waist. The instruments were made as a rule of ivory or horn; they were shaped at the service end like a human hand with long nails, or like a bird's claw. Sometimes they had rings on the fingers set with precious stones. Such English back-scratchers, many of which were finely carved, are much sought after by collectors, as they are now extremely rare.

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CANTON	On 19th Jan.	at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	On 20th Jan.	at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	On 21st Jan.	at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	On 22nd Jan.	at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	On 23rd Jan.	at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	On 24th Jan.	at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	On 25th Jan.	at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	On 26th Jan.	at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	On 27th Jan.	at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	On 28th Jan.	at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	On 29th Jan.	at 7 a.m.

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Vessel	Due Hong Kong	Vessel	Discharges Leaves H.Kong
"GLENAGLE"	22nd Jan.	"GLENSHIEL"	28th Jan.
"GLENAMOIY"	7th Feb.	"GLENIFFER"	23rd Feb.
"GLENABREY"	17th Feb.	"GLENOGLE"	9th March
"GLENAPP"	3rd Mar.	"GLENOGLE"	9th March
"GLENDUCE"	20th Mar.	"GLENOGLE"	9th March
"GLENMARTINSHIRE"	31st Mar.		

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S.S. "FORMOSA"	30th January, 1927	4th March, 1927
S.S. "CANTON"	31st January, 1927	5th March, 1927

FOR SHANGHAI AND JAPAN PORTS.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
S.S. "CANTON"	31st January, 1927	5th March, 1927
S.S. "NANKING"	31st January, 1927	5th March, 1927

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Vessel	Departure	Arrival
TENYO MARU	Monday, 24th Jan., at Noon	24th Jan., at Noon
KORSA MARU	Tuesday, 25th Feb., at Noon	25th Feb., at Noon
SHUNYO MARU	Tuesday, 25th Feb., at Noon	25th Feb., at Noon
SIBERIA MARU	Sunday, 6th March, at Noon	6th March, at Noon

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SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
GINYO MARU	Saturday, 24th Feb., at Noon	24th Feb., at Noon
ANYO MARU	Saturday, 12th May, at Noon	12th May, at Noon

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 29th Jan., at 11 a.m.	29th Jan., at 11 a.m.
YAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 12th Feb., at 11 a.m.	12th Feb., at 11 a.m.
YAKUSAN MARU	Saturday, 26th Feb.	26th Feb.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 19th Jan., at 11 a.m.	19th Jan., at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd Feb., at 11 a.m.	23rd Feb., at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
TASUNO MARU	Thursday, 10th Feb.	10th Feb.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
TAJIMA MARU	Saturday, 5th Feb.	5th Feb.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
KAMAKURA MARU	Saturday, 5th Feb.	5th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
BANGKOK MARU	Saturday, 22nd Jan.	22nd Jan.
TOTTORI MARU	Saturday, 29th Jan.	29th Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Bangkok.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
PEKING MARU	Friday, 31st Jan.	31st Jan.
MOBIKA MARU	Monday, 31st Jan.	31st Jan.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
MISHIMA MARU	Saturday, 31st Jan.	31st Jan.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

Vessel	Departure	Arrival
MURAKI MARU	Monday, 24th Jan.	24th Jan.
KATANO MARU	Wednesday, 25th Jan.	25th Jan.
HAFUYA MARU	Wednesday, 25th Jan.	25th Jan.
IMA MARU	Thursday, 27th Jan.	27th Jan.

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WEEK-END FREIGHT RETURNS.

RISE AND FALL IN LOCAL AND THROUGH CARGOES.

The return during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Sunday showed that both local and through freights were normal.

Out of 16 arrivals, twelve steamers discharged here. The total amount of general merchandise unloaded for the Colony amounted to 15,219 tons, of which, 5,304 tons were carried by 5 British steamers. The best returns were shown by the Norwegian vessel *Solveten*, from Bangkok, which discharged 2,700 tons and the a.s. *Telemachus* (British) arriving here from Saigon unloaded 3,040 tons.

Through freights were manifested on steamers out of the 16 arrivals. These 3 vessels carried a total of 15,837 tons, of which, 9,175 tons were on 4 British steamers.

The best returns were shown by the a.s. *Fangtze* from Dunkirk and Shanghai, which had 9,119 tons, and the *City of Glasgow*, from Shanghai, 1,500 tons. The latter vessel also carried 400 pigs for Hong Kong.

Yesterday's Returns.

As compared with the previous day, yesterday's returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. showed a heavy decrease in local imports and also of freights for ports beyond.

Local imports of general merchandise amounted to only 3,420 tons, of which, 2,013 tons were from British bottoms.

In addition to general cargo discharged, there were also 6,000 tons of coal for the Colony. These were landed from the a.s. *Corona* and the *Danish Star*. The former arriving from Chinwangtao brought 3,050 tons, and the latter from Seattle, 3,000 tons.

Through freights, which amounted to only 1,948 tons, were manifested on 3 vessels. Of these, 300 tons were on one British steamer. The a.s. *Corona* also carried 1,500 tons of coal for ports beyond Hong Kong.

The arrivals and departures during the week-end were:- British, 11 arrivals and 11 departures; Japanese, 4 arrivals and 4 departures; Norwegian, 3 arrivals and 3 departures; Chinese, 5 arrivals and 5 departures; Dutch, 1 arrival; French, 9 arrivals and 3 departures; German, 1 departure; American, 1 arrival and 3 departures.

During the period under review, there were 58 vessels in port, of which, 24 were British.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Achilles (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 1st.

Adriatic (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 10th, 1927.

Carson (Swedish East Asiatic), due January 31st, 1927.

Macassar (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 22nd.

Mentor (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 3rd, 1927.

Meriones (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 17th, 1927.

Nanking (Swedish East Asiatic), due January 31st.

Patroclus (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 2nd, 1927.

Perseus (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 22nd.

Rhezenor (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 27th, 1927.

SHIPPING NOTES.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 901 deck passengers entered Hong Kong. Yesterday's returns showed 288 deck passengers, making a total of 1,189 for the week-end.

The *President Garfield* arrived late yesterday afternoon with mail and freight from U.S.A. and ports. The liner also brought mail from the Home and the continent via Siberia. Another Home mail via Siberia is due today by the a.s. *Angers*, and on Friday the P. & O. a.s. *Kashgar* is scheduled to arrive with the fortnightly mail from Home via Suez (letters, papers and parcels).

"American Mail Line" has been adopted as the trade name of the Admiral Oriental Line, and will be used by the joint service to be inaugurated, effective, February 1st, by the Dollar Steamship Line and American Mail Line "President Liners." The new name is most appropriate as the "President Liners" have maintained a fast and dependable service between Seattle and the Orient, carrying the great bulk of American mail.

Under the auspices of the Dollar Steamship Line and American Mail Line the "President Liners" will run a joint trans-Pacific service, there being regular weekly sailings to San Francisco or Seattle. Effective March 1st, the a.s. *President Jefferson* will sail from Hong Kong to San Francisco, and on March 9th the a.s. *President Lincoln* will sail for Seattle. Thereafter a "President Liner" will sail every week on alternate Tuesdays to San Francisco and alternate Wednesdays to Seattle. Interchangeable tickets, good on all "President Liners" with liberal stop-over privileges, will be issued.

Vessels homeward bound now show that the annual spring exodus is commencing. When the a.s. *Suez* leaves on Saturday, for instance, there were 110 cabin passengers on board, and local shipping offices are making heavy bookings of passengers leaving for Home in the near future.

Agents of vessels arriving in Canton with dangerous cargoes such as explosives, mineral oils, acids, etc., are requested to notify the Harbour Master (Canton) as early as possible of the expected arrival of such cargo in order that the necessary berthing arrangements may be made.

The death of a deck passenger from consumption is reported by the master of the a.s. *Angers*, which has arrived from Bangkok and Swatow.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. a.s. *Kashgar* left Singapore for here on the 16th inst. at noon, with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 21st inst.

The P. & O. a.s. *Delia* left Singapore for this port on the 16th inst. at 9 a.m., and is due here on the 21st inst. at about 10 a.m.

The N.D.L. a.s. *Faia* left Shanghai on the 16th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 18th. She will sail for Europe via Singapore and ports on the 20th.

The P. & O. a.s. *Maedonia*, from Hong Kong, arrived in London on January 14th at 2 a.m.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Manila yesterday at 7.30 a.m., left on the same day at midnight, and is due at Hong Kong on the 19th inst. (Wednesday), at 1 p.m. She will berth at pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf.



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a.s. "YALOU" Due to arrive from DUNKIRK, LONDON, HAVRE about the 20th January.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS (MAIL SERVICE).

Steamers	Sailings from Marseilles	Arr. at Hong Kong & Sailings for Shanghai and Japan	Sailings from Hong Kong for Marseilles
ANGERS	...	...	18th Jan.
D'ARTAGNAN	...	...	1st Feb.
SPHINX	17th Dec.	19th Jan.	15th Feb.
ANGKOR	...	31st Dec.	1st Mar.
PORTHUS	14th Jan.	16th Feb.	15th Mar.
PAUL LECAT	28th Jan.	2nd Mar.	29th Mar.

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"DEVANHA"	8,153	1st Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"ALPORE"	5,273	8th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	13th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"DELTA"	5,207	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KALYAN"	5,144	19th Feb.	Mar'les, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"NILE"	5,135	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Mar'les, L'don, Antwerp & R'ham.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	14th March	Saigon, Mar'les, London, Antwerp, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,423	16th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	18th March	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Mar'les, L'don, Antwerp & R'ham.
"DEVANHA"	8,153	5th April	Mar'les, London, Antwerp.
"KARMALA"	9,128	13th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"DELTA"	5,207	27th April	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Mar'les, L'don, Antwerp, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"KHYBER"	9,114	7th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KHIVA"	5,138	14th May	Marseilles and London.
"MOBEA"	10,198	23rd May	Marseilles and London.

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"TALAMBA"	8,500	30th Jan.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	11th Feb.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	14th Feb.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,341	1st March	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

Vessel	Tons	Departure	Destination
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	6,956	4th Mar.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	1st April	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th April	do.
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	1st July	do.

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

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"DELTA"	5,207	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NILE"	5,135	14th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	5,138	14th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,423	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOBEA"	10,193	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.